

State TV Special Set For Airing Feb. 13

The excitement generated by the success of one television special has set the stage for a second.

Filming of "To You, With Love" begins Feb. 3 in Jackson. The half-hour film, sponsored by First Baptist Church in Greenville, Miss., will be aired at 7 p.m., Feb. 13 over the

Greenwood - Greenville station, WAGB-TV.

Featured in a variety format will be Jerry Clower of Yazoo City, Mississippi's favorite story-teller; music from The New Californians, a religious folk-singing group, and selections from the First Baptist Church

Youth Choir, under the direction of Kenneth Forbus. Rev. Barry Landrum, the church pastor, will be the on-the-air host.

"Just as we did for our Thanksgiving special, we have bought prime viewing time for our Valentine's Day special program," said Mr. Landrum.

The Thanksgiving show, titled "Thanks Living" was aired on the Greenwood - Greenville area on Thanksgiving Day, seen the following Saturday on WAPT-TV in Jackson, then aired on cable television.

"We had a tremendous response," said Mr. Landrum. "We heard from people as far north as Tupelo, from Louisiana and from Arkansas. There was every indication that those who saw the show were very pleased with it. We had favorable comments from many of our Jewish friends here who said they enjoyed it."

"We realized we had achieved what we had set out to achieve. That's why we're doing the second show."

The church membership has also elected to film a number of half-minute spot announcements.

"We purchased time during the local football games," said Rev. Landrum. "The first announcement spotlighted our church activities. We've completed a couple more and they are brief sermonettes about the validity of the Christian life."

The church turned to television as a method of spreading the gospel "because we felt the way to reach people was on prime time, and we knew that if we brought prime time, the quality had to be outstanding," said Rev. Landrum.

"Consequently we turned to the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission for help and met with far greater success than we expected. The Commission sent Bob Thornton from the TimeRite office to work with us and his help was invaluable. (TimeRite is an agency of the Radio and Television Commission)."

Thornton produced the "Thanks Living" show for the church and ser-

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Baptist Leaders Rejoice At Peace And Mourn Johnson

NASHVILLE (BP) — Nearly 100 Baptist executives and leaders from throughout the nation meeting here rejoiced at the news of the announced ceasefire in Vietnam, and mourned the death of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Most of the executives and program leaders of the 19th Southern Baptist Convention agencies were in Nashville to attend the annual meeting of the 46-member SBC Inter Agency Council and the 77-member coordinat-

ing committee of the Inter-Agency Council.

Both organizations adopted a statement expressing gratitude for the announced peace settlement, and gratitude for the life and contributions of former President Johnson.

"As representatives of a cross-section of Southern Baptist life, meeting at the time of the agreed ceasefire in Indo-China, it is fitting that we express our profound gratitude to God, along with our fervent hope that the anticipated peace will be broad and lasting," the statement began.

The Baptist leaders said they joined "heartily in the general rejoicing of the people of America and the people of Indo-China, especially the families of prisoners of war and those missing in action."

In a spirit of confession, the Baptist executives acknowledged "the tragedy of war with its killing and suffering" and asked "God's forgiveness for our failure to pray enough and strive enough for peace."

"We mourn the death of former President Lyndon B. Johnson," the group stated, "with prayers of gratitude for his life and contribution to racial equality, concern for human welfare and desire for world peace."

The statement concluded by expressing good wishes and encouragement to the people in Indo-China and Christian missionaries "there, assur-

ance of prayer for a new day of enlarged opportunity for sharing God's love, and dedication anew "to an outpouring of Christian witness and ministry and a mission of reconciliation in a still troubled and needy world."

When the statement was introduced at the meeting, Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham told the group that when President Nixon made the announcement of the ceasefire agreement, a smaller group of Baptist executives interrupted a sub-

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Religious Ed Group To Meet On The Coast

The annual Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association meeting will be held at the Rowan Hotel in Biloxi, Feb. 22-23.

Miss Ethel McKeithen, Hattiesburg, president of the group, said that up to 100 Baptist religious education workers and leaders from every part of the state are expected to attend.

Out-of-state program personalities will be Dr. Grady Wilson, associate evangelist of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Dr. Robert Bingham, executive assistant, Program Services Section, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Dr. Wilson has conducted evangelistic crusades in many parts of the world and is often referred to as "an evangelist's evangelist."

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Cooper Says On Baptist Hour

Some Laymen Could Really Serve Christ

FORT WORTH, Tex. — "Some pastors have men who could really serve the Kingdom of God. They need to turn these men on and let them go out and be meaningfully and personally involved," said Owen Cooper in an interview on "The Baptist Hour."

The interview was aired Jan. 28 in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's observance of Baptist Men's Day. Cooper, a layman, is president of the convention.

He participated in the interview with Glendon McCullough, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, and Dr. Paul M. Stevens, presi-

dent of the Radio and Television Commission, who moderated the program.

Other laymen heard during the special observance included Don Haines, a chemist for St. Joe Minerals Corp., in Herculaneum, Mo., and John Sgarbe, who owns a utilities company in Silver Springs, Md.

"Those people with the greatest commitment and the greatest enthusiasm will emerge into a leadership position in the church," Cooper said. "If we get the commitment on the part of the people we then need to free them to express this com-

mitment in the most effective way."

He warned against pastors protecting financial resources of laymen in order to reserve those resources for some special project, such as a new chapel or a new organ.

"The laymen need to be exposed to some of the great mission challenges existing right now," Cooper said. "If a layman's pocketbook need protecting, he knows how to protect it himself."

McCullough described a "very progressive and aggressive trend in the layman's role in church activities. The layman feels he needs to use his expertise and become actively involved where this expertise helps him feel comfortable."

"One of the shortcomings of our denomination is that we have provided too few meaningful tasks for laymen," McCullough said. "For example, a 10 - talent man needs to be challenged and given more to do than just taking up collections and greeting people."

He said some pastors are opening the door to more meaningful layman involvement, and the door is being forced open by other laymen who also want to be meaningfully involved.

Sgarbe called laymen the spearhead of the Christian movement. "As laymen, we need to look at our test-

Church Music Clinic Set For Jackson

A statewide Baptist Church Music Methods and Materials Clinic will be held at Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson Feb. 15 - 16.

Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department, said that representatives from every Baptist association in the state are expected to attend.

Out-of-state personalities to be on program will include Dr. Wm. J. Reynolds, secretary of the Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, in addition to other department staff members, as follows: Saxe Adams, Dick Ham, John Chandler and Festus Robertson.

Miss Sharron Lyon, music assistant at First Baptist Church, Nashville, will render a mini organ concert on Thursday evening.

"The Naturals," a musical group from Mississippi College under direction of Dr. Jack Lyall, director of Fine Arts Division, will sing during the meeting and Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols of Hattiesburg will also render a mini vocal concert Thursday evening.

Mr. Nichols is a professor at the University of Southern Mississippi and well-known as a vocalist.

The program, to begin at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and adjourn at noon Friday, will include musical reading sessions, picture presentation on "Church Music I," leadership conferences, banquet, creative congrega-

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At Inauguration

Baptists Pray, Give Out Cookies

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist participation in the inauguration of President Richard Nixon for his second term ranged all the way from protests against the Vietnam War to conducting worship services in the White House.

The Baptist Women of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention sponsored a prayer meeting in the First Baptist Church, "manned" a refreshment station on the parade route to serve cookies and coffee to weary tourists and distributed religious tracts to the throngs in the nation's capital on inauguration day.

The day after inauguration Baptist Evangelist Billy Graham, assisted by a Catholic Archbishop and a Jewish Rabbi, conducted worship services for the President and his invited guests in the East Room of the White House.

The American Baptist Convention president was one of the speakers at a peace convocation at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church on Friday night before the inauguration.

E. V. Hill, a black Baptist, and president of the California Baptist Convention, offered the opening prayer at the inauguration ceremonies at

the east front of the U. S. Capitol building. Other prayers were interspersed throughout the ceremony by Rabbi Seamore Seigel, professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America, and Terrance Cardinal Cook, archbishop of New York.

President Nixon took his oath of office with his hand on two Bibles opened at Isaiah 2:4, where it says, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into" (Continued on page 5)

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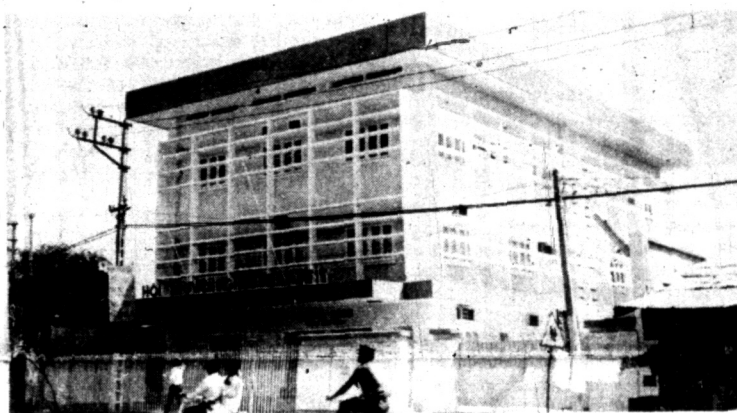


Dan Hall
Music Director

State Evangelism Conference

Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo

Messages By Dr. Carl E. Bates,
Dr. Franklin Paschall, Dr. W. D. Lawes
Congregational, Special Music Highlights
Day Sessions at Host Church
Evening Sessions at Civic Auditorium
Starts Feb. 5, 6:45 P. M. - Closes Feb. 7, 11:30 A. M.



New Baptist Building in Saigon.

Baptists In Viet Nam Dedicate New Office Building

SAIGON — After 12 years of cramped quarters, exorbitant rental fees, complicated and drawn-out procedures for obtaining official recognition, then permission to purchase property, Vietnam Baptists dedicated their newly completed office facilities on Dec. 10.

Approximately 300 Baptists and their invited guests attended the outdoor dedication program held under two huge, camouflage-green parachutes fronting the main entrance. In addition to Vietnamese, American and Chinese Baptists from Saigon churches, Vietnamese Baptists from Hue, Danang, Camranh and Cantho represented their local churches at the

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State VBS Clinic To Be Held Feb. 12-13

The annual State Baptist Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held at Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson Feb. 12-13, according to Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department.

Conferences for all age groups involved will be held with conference leaders to be present from the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, as well as other places throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The principal evangelistic message will be delivered by Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Those expected to attend this meeting will be the teams of associational VBS leaders from the 76 associations in the state who will return to their homes and conduct clinics for the churches in their respective associations, according to Miss Carolyn Madison, associate in the Sunday School Department, who will direct this clinic.

Conference program personalities will be: Farrell Blankenship, Hattiesburg; Dr. Bill Causey, Dr. Charles Clark, Mrs. Lula Collier, Mrs. Annette Joe, Lonnie Stewart, Miss Kathleen Wright, all of Jackson; Mrs. Martha Couch, Huntsville, Ala.; Mark Moore, Nashville; Mrs. Willa Ruth Garlow, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Val Harvey, Nashville; and other members of the staff of the State Baptist Sunday School Department.

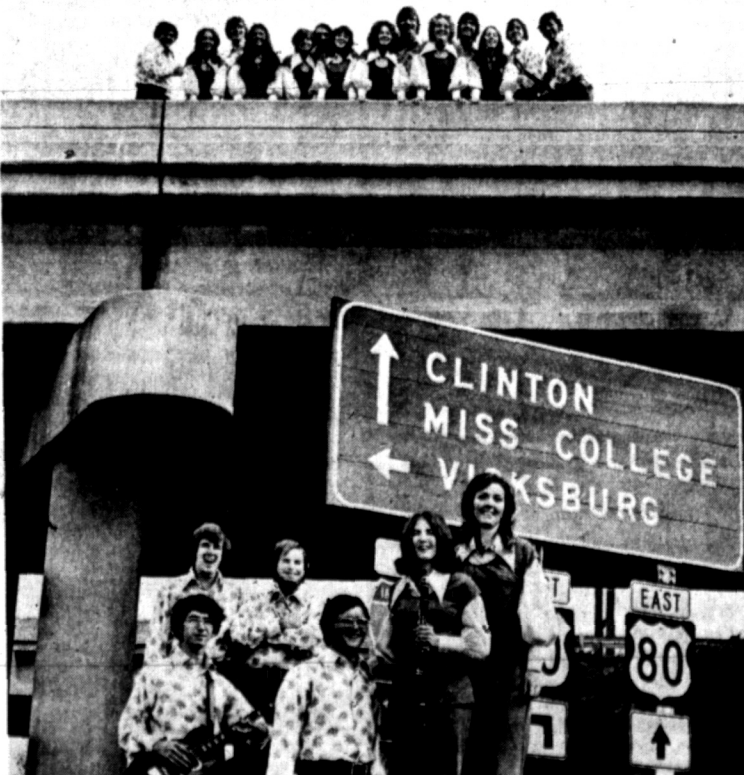
The conference will begin Monday at noon and adjourn at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday.

CONVENTION PRESIDENT TO ATTEND NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Dr. David Grant, of Jackson, president of the State Convention and pastor of Broadmoor Church, is in Washington, D. C., this week where he has accepted an invitation to attend the 21st annual National Prayer Breakfast to be held Thursday, Feb. 1 in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Present at the breakfast will be President and Mrs. Nixon and other leaders in the Executive, Judicial, Legislative, diplomatic branches of the government.

The invitation came from the United States Congress.



"The Naturals," musical group from MC who will sing at music clinic, are seen in unusual pose, with vocalists on highway overlooking instrumentalists below.

Million Dollar Fire Destroys Oklahoma Baptist Church

LAWTON, Okla. (BP) — An early morning fire destroyed the auditorium, chapel and most of the education facilities at First Baptist Church, Lawton, Okla., with Pastor Forest Siler estimating losses at more than \$1 million.

A security patrolman discovered the fire at 3:15 a.m., Jan. 19. The fire had smoldered and smoked for two hours before breaking out into flames that shot 100 feet into the air.

Firemen fought the blaze for more than five hours, while Siler, his wife and deacon chairman Carl Fitch maintained a prayerful vigil. "It really touches you to stand and watch something like this and hear those beautiful stained glass windows explode," Siler commented.

The flames, fanned by a brisk wind, destroyed the church's three-story auditorium building, education unit, chapel and offices. Also lost in the fire were two pipe organs, and a \$30,000 color television camera that had just been installed.

Siler said only the nursery and two or three departments escaped extensive damage. He was able to rescue and later salvage a few personal items, including his file of sermons and his library which were water and smoke-damaged.

Exact cause and first location of the fire was not immediately determined, but it was believed to have started in the education unit and spread throughout the facility. It was the second time the Lawton church had been destroyed by fire.

In 1954, fire destroyed the church's education unit, which was later rebuilt at a cost of \$100,000. The auditorium, which would seat 1,670, was completed in 1957 at a cost of \$400,000.

Church Housekeeping Workshop At Glorieta

NASHVILLE — A three-pronged church services workshop, scheduled for Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, New Mexico, Feb. 12-15, 1973, will deal with the local church's housekeeping services, church secretary's duties, and food services program.

According to Reginald M. McDougall, administrative services section supervisor, church administration department of the Sunday School Board, the workshop will involve instruction to church secretaries, personnel involved in the food services operation and persons responsible for the cleaning-maintenance of the church.

"Church secretaries, church hostesses, building superintendents, business administrators, ministers of education and pastors without staff members will find many ways to improve their operation in the church," states McDougall.

Cost of the workshops will be \$10 per person which includes accident insurance, notebook and materials. For registration or additional information, contact the Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

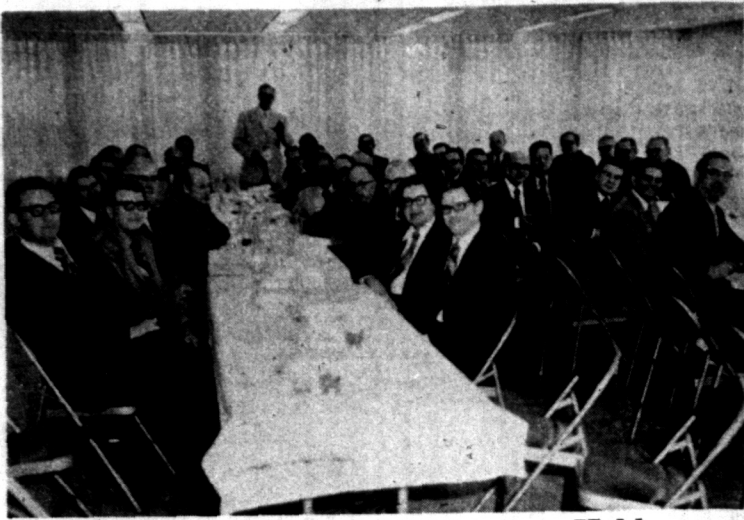
The Convention President Speaks

One of the outstanding events in Mississippi Baptist life is our state evangelistic conference. As most of you know, this year it will be at the Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo, February 5-7. According to the announcement of the program, this will be an exceptionally good conference and all of us should profit by it.

If I were a layman, I would strongly urge my pastor to attend this conference. I would see that adequate provisions were made for him financially so he would have no hesitancy about attending. It would be even more encouraging if laymen would volunteer to go with him. We need more laymen to participate in such activities.

Then I want to encourage all pastors to attend and as many other staff members as can. For years, the evangelistic conference has been referred to as the "preachers' revival" and I, personally, like that term. Our Lord does use it to warm our hearts and to challenge us to a greater dedication to soulwinning.

However, there is a caution I want to issue. I think it would be tragic, even sinful, to take the time and money to attend a meeting of this nature and then do nothing in the way of following through on our inspiration, information, and challenge. Let's each one resolve and pray that we shall attend this conference with the full purpose of gaining from it. Then let's return with a renewed effort to win the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. — David Grant



First Of Series Of 9 Meetings Held

A large number of the superintendents of missions in the state were present at the Baptist Building Jan. 19 for the first in a series of nine such meetings to be held in 1973 sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director, who is seen standing. Various phases of the work will be emphasized at each meeting for the missionaries.

Abe Lincoln Awards To Be Presented

FORT WORTH — Three leaders in the broadcasting industry and a former astronaut will share honors as special awards recipients at the fourth national Abe Lincoln Awards program at Tarrant County Convention Center here Feb. 8.

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, which sponsors the Lincoln Awards to honor broadcasters from across the nation, will present Distinguished Communication

Recognition Awards to Roy Danish, Director, Television Information Office, New York; Harold Essex, president of Triangle Broadcasting Corporation, Winston-Salem, N.C., and Paul Rühle, general manager of WSIX Radio in Nashville, Tennessee.

Former astronaut James B. Irwin of Colorado Springs, Colo., will receive a Christian Service Award.

Julian Goodman of New York, president of the National Broadcasting Company, will be keynote speaker for the Abe Lincoln awards. Mr. Goodman will be honored by the Radio-TV Commission with the Distinguished Communications Medal — which carries a college scholarship for a student interested in a career in films, radio or television.

In addition to the top Abe Lincoln Award, reserved for a broadcaster displaying "ingenuity and excellence in promoting the moral and spiritual welfare of the nation and the world through broadcasting," 14 Abe Lincoln Merit Awards will be presented for specific achievements in community service programs and projects. The merit awards are equal in prestige.

Danish will be cited for his leadership in the highest echelons of the television industry and for using his knowledge and know-how to serve his fellows.

Rühle will be honored for his support and constant encouragement to the Radio and Television Commission as it began its creation and production of "Country Crossroads," a 30-minute country music radio show now heard on 450 radio stations across the country.

Essex will be lauded for providing a rich heritage of leadership to the broadcast industry by originating and inspiring programming which serves the interests of both the industry and the public.

Irwin's award is for acknowledging that he was changed by the global consciousness that resulted from seeing earth from the vantage point of God himself and for his willingness to give his personal Christian testimony whenever and wherever he is called on to speak.

One of the production difficulties in some nations was brought into sharp focus by the Indonesian Bible Society's announcement that a large part of the Old Testament in its new translation of the Bible was already set into type when the Governments of Indonesia and Malaysia agreed to bring the written form of their languages into accord. Because of the "urgent need that exists," the Indonesian Bible Society's Board decided to continue its project of printing the Bible in the old orthography. At the same time the Indonesian Board agreed to re-set the Bible in the new typography at a later date, the American Bible Society was told.

By 1980 half a billion copies of Scripture will be needed to reach new readers, youth and non-readers among the world's population of 4,468,000,000 persons, Rev. Warner A. Hutchison, a deputy general secretary of the American Bible Society and a world service officer of the United Bible Societies, estimates.

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Vietnam Baptists Dedicate Building

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ceremonies.

Three Vietnamese pastors led the late afternoon program. Special music was presented by 40 members of the Saigon Baptist Choir and by Mrs. James F. Humphries, wife of the pastor of English-language Trinity Baptist Church in Saigon. Missionary Lewis I. Myers Jr., chairman of the Vietnam Baptist Mission, spoke to guests about the purpose of the building.

Myers illustrated how the money to finance the new structure came from Baptists of all ages and varying walks of life in America. Myers stressed the ideal relationship of the local churches to the utilization of the building's facilities; that is, the facilities are there to minister to Baptists and the people of Vietnam by providing materials and services for the churches and Christians.

For the benefit of persons unfamiliar with Baptist beliefs, Myers reiterated the promises offered every in-

resurrection of Jesus Christ, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and clarified with vivid illustrations from Vietnamese life and history.

Following the service and ribbon cutting, guests toured the three floors housing business offices, Vietnam Baptist Publications, a Baptist Book Store, a large conference room and accommodations for missionary personnel residing outside the capital city.

Baptists beamed their spirit of pride

and gratitude while other guests expressed amazement that during the present period of doubt and uncertainty when "foreigners" are all talking and planning toward leaving Vietnam, that Baptists obviously plan to remain.

Southern Baptist missionaries first entered South Vietnam in November 1959. Forty missionaries (including five journeymen) are presently under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board to South Vietnam.

Dr. Hamlet To Be Hospital Chaplain

A chaplaincy program has been established at Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg.

Filling the newly created position on Feb. 1 will be Dr. C. B. Hamlet, III, pastor of Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, since 1958.

The objectives of the program will be to provide spiritual counseling and guidance to patients, family members, hospital employees and pastors on an interdenominational basis as a part of total patient care.

Dr. Hamlet received his B.A. Degree from Tulane University and his Th.M. (now D. Min.) from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has studied with the Famous Writers School, and received a Doctor of Divinity (Honorary) from William Carey College.

His first pastorate was at Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville. Other pastorates prior to Immanuel were at Clark-Venable Church, Decatur, and First Church, Winona, where he served nearly 15 years.

He helped initiate the first Bible courses at East Central Junior College, and initiated and taught the first course in New Testament Greek at William Carey College. He has published numerous monographs, and

Bus Outreach Clinic Scheduled In May

NASHVILLE — First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., will be the site for a National Clinic on Bus Outreach May 3-6, 1973.

The clinic is sponsored by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Sunday School Division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in cooperation with First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls.

Church staff members, Sunday School and bus team workers and others interested in bus outreach are encouraged to attend "How-to-do-it" sessions will be conducted by leaders engaged in bus outreach for their own churches.

The purpose of the clinic is to explain how to establish a bus ministry and give quality Bible teaching to those who ride the buses. Ideas also will be shared with persons wanting to improve an already existing bus program.

Persons attending will visit on the bus routes of churches in the Wichita Falls area on Saturday and observe children's Sunday School departments and worship services on Sunday morning.

For reservations write to the National Clinic on Bus Outreach, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234. The registration fee, \$4.00 per person, includes clinic materials and one meal. Pre-registration must be received in Nashville by Tuesday, April 24. Registrations also will be accepted in Wichita Falls when the clinic begins on a space available basis. Information concerning motel accommodations will be provided the clinicians when they register.

PETAH TIQVA, Israel — About half a mile of road leading to the Baptist Village near here has been paved with asphalt. The project cost more than \$10,000, half of which came from an annual Southern Baptist offering and the rest from a special gift. Previously, the entrance to Baptist Village has been over a road that was dusty in summer and muddy in winter, said missionary Milton Murphy, Baptist Village coordinator.

Brochure Describes 96 Free Films On Environment

A comprehensive and detailed listing of films on environment has been published by Modern Talking Picture Service, the film distributor, and is available to community groups and schools.

All of the films listed are available from Modern on free loan to the audiences. They are in 16mm-sound and most of them are in color and range between 15 and 28 minutes in length.

The films focus on air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution, solid waste, environmental education and many other categories related to the environment.

Requests for the brochure "Environment" should be sent to Modern Talking Picture Service, 2323 N.E. Hyde Park Road, New Hyde Park, New York 11040.

Dr. Swor To Lead Four-Day Conference At William Carey

William Carey College will host Dr. Chester Swor, pictured, outstanding youth speaker, author, and lecturer, for a four-day conference February 5-8.

According to Carey Chaplain, Dr. Jerry Oswald, the popular Dr. Swor will arrive on Monday a.m. February 5, and will be involved in individual conferences, luncheon dialogues, chapel talks, and dormitory buzz sessions through Thursday noon, February 8.

OFFENBACH, Germany — Members of the Offenbach Baptist Church joined Arab Christians in a Christmas Eve celebration Jan. 6. About 50 Arabs from several countries who are working in Germany were hosts to the local Baptist congregation. A German choir sang Christmas music and German children presented a program.

"There were no Christmas trees and no gifts, but there was a common spirit of Christmas love," said Mrs. Isam E. Ballenger, whose husband is pastor of the Offenbach Baptist Church. They are Southern Baptist missionaries. The pastor of the Arab group is an Egyptian who is studying at the University of Heidelberg.

Worldwide Scripture distribution in 1971 totaled 171,116,274.

Chaplain Of Bourbon Street Develops New Ministry



Rev. Bob Harrington, left, and Dr. H. D. Smith, Jr. will direct a new outreach ministry.

NEW ORLEANS — The Bob Harrington Ministry announces the beginning of a new ministry of sharing that will be directly related to the pastors of local churches. This will be a program in which pastors of all denominations can share in the ideas, plans and programs that have built the largest and most aggressive churches in America.

Bob Harrington, named "The Chaplain of Bourbon Street" by Mayor Schiro of New Orleans, has a unique and greatly increasing ministry across America. His weekly TV ministry is viewed nation wide and city wide crusades are conducted in every

section of the nation. He regularly preaches in the pulpits of the largest and most successful churches in America, thus he is in a position to see and share the methods that produce the greatest results.

"Motivating Ministers for the Master" is the name of the new program which will provide ideas, information, inspiration and encouragement. Each month the pastor will receive a cassette tape which will contain relevant material on many subjects — soul winning, sermon ideas, fund raising, building an effective Sunday School, youth work, evangelistic outreach, the music ministry, a bus ministry and many other related subjects. The entire data processing services of the

Bob Harrington Ministry will be at the pastors disposal to examine his church program and present plans tailored to that church's needs.

Dr. H. D. Smith, Jr. will be the director of this program. A graduate of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Smith served as pastor of Baptist churches in Louisiana and Mississippi for 19 years before entering the field of full time evangelism in July, 1972. His experience and training ideally fits him for directing this ministry of sharing and blessing.

Pastors desiring further information about this program may receive a descriptive brochure by writing 227 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, La. 70178.

A Thief By Any Name— He's No Match For Her

By L. Laverne Gregory

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — What does a missionary wife do when she's pickpocketed? Go after the man, of course!

Mrs. L. Laverne Gregory was walking on Avenida Central with a friend when she felt a "familiar" touch on her purse. She instantly realized that her purse was being opened, the billfold was being removed, and the man was running down the sidewalk.

Mrs. Gregory's friend turned to say a word and Betty wasn't there. She saw Betty running down the street, shouting *bandido* — thief! Mrs. Gregory's reflexes were working overtime as she has been pickpocketed twice in her missionary career.

There were people on the street, but no one offered to join the chase. The reason could have been that, in all the excitement, Betty was shouting *bandido*! which is good Spanish, but it happens that *ladron* is the more often used word for thief in this country.

She was catching up with the *ladron* at the end of the block, so he threw the billfold to the sidewalk. Betty retrieved her billfold and was returning to meet her friend when all the men in the barbershop came to the door and clapped and cheered her exploit.

Her husband was happy to learn of her action, as he knows from experience how much time it takes to replace residence permits, driver's licenses and other cards.

A couple of days later, her husband and two sons presented her with their special "fastest runner" cup.

Baptist Leaders Rejoice At Peace

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committee meeting to listen to the report on radio.

The group stood, sang the Doxology, and prayed, thanking God for the peace that had come at long last. "I will always remember that experience, just as I will always remember where I was when World War II ended," Miss Hunt said.

"It was a very moving thing," added SBC Home Mission Board Assistant Executive Secretary Fred Mosley. "We were not alone in a hotel room somewhere when the news came, but were together with our collaborators, sharing the feeling and emotion of gratitude."

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, recalled that last June, the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Philadelphia had adopted a resolution urging Baptists to "a renewed concern for peace in Vietnam and throughout the world," and commending President Nixon for his "policy of planned withdrawal of armed forces... and summit meetings in behalf of peace."

"As the convention also resolved," Routh continued, "We hope that a portion of the massive resources now allocated to the military be utilized in the healing of those bleeding lands abroad and to the binding up of our nation's wounds at home."

Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, the denomination's agency assigned to the emphasis of world peace, put it in even stronger words. "Thank God for the prospect of a truce, however tenuous, in Indo-China," Valentine said. "Initials have effected a ceasefire, but only justice can bring peace."

Valentine explained that if real peace is to come, "some meaningful war, abroad and at home, must be accelerated against poverty, racism, militarism, family breakdown, white collar as well as blue collar crime, immorality, alcohol and drug abuse, and exploitation of the poor."

"The emotion-laden events of recent days challenge Christians everywhere to commit ourselves anew to work for what the Prince of Peace called 'the things that make for peace,'" Valentine concluded.

The new executive director of the

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, James Wood, told Baptist Press the ceasefire can only be greeted by joy and thanksgiving by Americans and Vietnamese alike.

"First and foremost, it must be a time of rejoicing for the people of Vietnam who have experienced for a generation the ravages of the war

without resolution," said Wood, who heads the public affairs agency sponsored by nine nationwide Baptist conventions.

"For the people of the United States, for whom the war has been the longest and one of the costliest in American history, the truce is long overdue," Wood said.

He called the war "a political abattoir" to the nation and "a source of deep vision and widespread conflict throughout our society."

"Meanwhile, let us hope and pray that we have learned a lesson from the tragedy of Vietnam," Wood concluded.



President Johnson (center) chats with leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention in the White House Rose Garden after asking their support for his legislative program in March 1964.—(RNS Photo).

Conference On Human Relations Ready Feb. 2

A conference on "Human Relations" will be held at Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly near Prentiss, Feb. 2, according to Rev. Richard Brogan, director of the Department of Work, With National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

The program will begin at 4:00 p.m. with Dr. Craig Ratliff, pastor of University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, presiding. Benediction will be pronounced at 10:00 p.m.

Music will be under direction of Dan Hall, director of the Music Department of the Board.

The two principal speakers will be Dr. T. B. Brown, president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and Dr. Dudley Wilson, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson.

Bible study will be led by Rev. James Porch, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Clinton.

Other speakers will be James Rundles, minority employment representative on the staff of the Governor of Mississippi; Rev. J. D. Lundy, superintendent of missions of Leflore and Holmes Counties; Dr. Al Johnson, president Prentiss Institute, and Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, executive director, Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Hopi New Testament Dedicated

Often in their storied past when issues have arisen that concern the American Indian, these first Americans were the last to get the word. It even appears that they are among the last to receive the Word of God in their own language. But patience is one of their virtues and they have waited. For the Hopi Tribe the days of waiting are ended.

On Sunday, January 7, in the northeastern Arizona village of Polacca, the Hopi people received the New Testament. God Laviyit An Puhvavisiwi, Hopi for New Testament, was now in print and before their eyes. It was time to celebrate.

According to ancient Hopi legend the white man, Bahana, was to go in

search of the eastern sun and then return to them. When he returned he would bring the book of truth and all of their problems would go away. Christian Hopi see the publication of the Scriptures as the realization of that ancient tribal myth. "I'm so glad I've come to see the New Testament in my own language," said Elsie Polacca, a co-translator of the Hopi New Testament. "I praise the Lord. All things are possible with God." She and the late Otto Lomavitu labored thirteen years with Wycliffe Bible Translator Jonathan Ekstrom in translating the New Testament for these mesa-dwelling people. Wycliffe translators now work in some 30 North American tribes and more than 500 tribes in 24 other countries of the world, giving them the Scriptures.

First Of Its Kind

Area Outreach Workshop Held In Forest

By Anne W. McWilliams

Last Thursday, January 25, from 35 to 40 people travelled to Forest Church for an Area Outreach Workshop. They came in out of the cold, windy, cloudy weather to the warmth of hot coffee and doughnuts, to be greeted by cordial smiles and hand-clasps of fellow Christian workers. They remained to hear six messages from two outstanding men from the Home Mission Board.

For the three sessions, morning, afternoon, and night, lasting from 10 a.m. until 9:15 p.m., Jack Redford and Wendell Belew were featured speakers. Rev. Clyde Little, pastor of the Forest Church, extended a warm welcome to those attending. There were five women present—among them two pastors' wives and one associational missionary's wife. The men in the group included superintendents of missions, pastors, several Mississippi Baptist Convention Board employees, two Home Mission Board speakers, at least one foreign missionary (Stanley Stamps of Ecuador), and others interested in church growth and outreach.

The workshop, a "first" of its kind in the state, was sponsored by the Scott County Baptist Association and the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department,

says he hopes, and believes, that other areas will be planning similar workshops soon. Associations and other groups interested in holding this type of meeting and who wish assistance in planning are invited to contact Dr. Rogers at Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

Holmes Carlisle, Scott County's superintendent of missions, explained the purpose of the day's conferences. He said, "We want to think about church extension and church growth as related to the church's ministry to the total community." He stressed the fact that it was important to learn how to minister, but that it was more important to minister.

In outreach, Scott County Baptists already have set a good example for other areas, through their resort ministry at Roosevelt Park and their ministry to the migrant workers employed by the chicken industry (through day camps, Bible schools, and in other ways.)

Jack Redford, secretary, Department of Church Extension, Home Mission Board, discussed the purpose of the church, and the problems connected with and the means of, church extension. He defined church extension as "extending the ministry of the church to people"—wherever they may be.

In his list of "means" of outreach were these, among other things: mission—VBS, bus ministry, Bible study fellowships, resort ministry, mission chapels, weekday continuous VBS, hotel—motel ministry, January Bible Study (possibly including satellite groups in homes), mobile chapels, ministry to National Guard Reserves, youth centers.

Concerning the hotel—motel ministry, Mrs. Su McLain and Mrs. John McCall gave an enthusiastic report on the Sunday morning Bible study—worship service which First Church, Vicksburg sponsors at Holiday Inn, Vicksburg. The ministry was begun in response to an invitation from the motel's manager. The service is held each Sunday morning around 9, an hour convenient for guests who wish to leave early to continue their journey. Though the crowd each week has not been large, these worshipers present always seem appreciative and it has proven to be a worthwhile and rewarding experience for those taking part. Mrs. McLain directs the ministry at the motel and leads the Bible study. "We go ahead, even if only one is present," she said. She would encourage other churches who are interested in this type of ministry to proceed with their plans. At least five persons or groups have expressed such an interest to her, when they were guests at Vicksburg's Holiday Inn.

Wendell Belew, director, Division of

Missions, Home Mission Board, said that in 1972 Southern Baptist churches reported around 450,000 baptisms, the largest record in baptisms in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention, and probably more than any denomination has ever reported.

He found this encouraging. Yet he emphasized that church growth is hard to evaluate. He said, "If you manipulate people to respond in numbers only—the largest number in Sunday school, the largest number present for church worship, the largest amount of offering, etc.—you may not find that this reflects true church growth."

He said, "One's concept of church growth must go beyond interest in the growth of MY church. Churches in an association, for instance, should have a feeling of one-ness and of responsibility for each other rather than a feeling of jealousy and competition."

Talking about the problems the average pastor or church may encounter in outreach, Mr. Redford pinpointed the lack of lay leaders; the lack of interest or motivation; the lack of ideas or knowledge of techniques; the fear of what might happen; the lack of time, or the failure to give priority to time scheduled for outreach ministry; the lack of understanding of what outreach means.

He discussed in depth ways to get ready for and to plan for an outreach ministry.

He said: "In church extension—which is building bridges to people—remember to maintain the redemptive note. Remember that the needs will determine the program. In choosing methods use the traditional or the innovative, whichever will work best for your situation. And above all, remember that the Holy Spirit is 'the dynamic.'"

His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I delivered the inaugural address at the first World Assembly of the United Bible Societies in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in September 1972. The national newspaper, the Ethiopian Herald, reported that the emperor reminded the delegates of the "many references" to his country in the Bible. He also told of the "vital place" the Bible has in the liturgy and devotions of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The emperor is the patron of the Bible Society of Ethiopia, one of the 55 national Bible Societies that comprise the international fellowship.

Good conduct is commendable, but is extremely difficult to become famous by it.

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New Member Training Mini-Seminars Scheduled

Forrest Watkins, pictured, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will conduct four area New Church Member Training Mini-Seminars in Mississippi, February 12-16, according to Kermit S. King, director of the Mississippi Church Training Department.



are won to Christ during these revivals.

Mr. Watkins is a General Administration Consultant with the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. In this capacity he has primary responsibility for developing the program of New Church Member Training, preparing curriculum and promotional materials, and field servicing this program of the department.

Mr. Watkins has been associated with this program of work for over five years, coming to his present position from a successful pastorate in Florida in which he proved the value of new member training utilizing the curriculum and methods he now advocates. During his college days he was associated with the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson.

State TV Special ---

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ved as technical advisor for the second production, supervising the script and working on the set.

"I personally feel that, as a method of spreading the gospel, television has been a sleeping giant," said Mr. Landrum. "Just as Dr. Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio and Television Commission, has been saying for years, the possibilities truly are endless. Thanks to the leadership of the Radio and Television Commission, our church people are now learning how television can help us in a new area of telling the Good News."

NEWS BRIEFS

DR. E. STANLEY JONES DIES AT 89

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Dr. E. Stanley Jones, one of the 20th Century most famed evangelists, missionaries and Christian writers, died in India on Jan. 25. He had observed his 89th birthday on Jan. 3.

United Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews, who is married to Dr. Jones' only daughter, announced the churchman's death here.

Dr. Jones died in Clark Swain Hospital, Bareilly, India. He spent decades in India; in 1963, he received the Gandhi Peace Prize.

Although he suffered a stroke in late 1971, Dr. Jones had continued to preach and was at work on his 29th book when he died. He had returned to India in the Summer of 1972.

The body was to be cremated in India and the ashes returned to Baltimore for burial in the Bishop's Lot in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Belmont Building Razed By \$2 Million Blaze

NASHVILLE (BP)—Fire which apparently began in a basement faculty member's office gutted the main academic classroom building at Belmont College, a Tennessee Baptist institution in Nashville.

Firemen battled the three-alarm blaze for more than four hours during the New Year holiday weekend. Flames were discovered by a college administration official on his way to do some weekend work.

Blanton Hall, a four-story brick building, had provided classroom space for the Baptist college throughout its 21-year existence. For 30 years before that it had served a predecessor institution. The facility housed half of the school's 12 departments, including biology, chemistry, English and foreign languages, history and political science, mathematics, and psychology and sociology. An annex, providing space for the school's department of nursing was unharmed.

Second Annual Bible Conference To Be Held At Union University

The second annual Spring Bible Conference will be held at Union University March 5-7. More than 2,500 pastors and laymen from throughout West Tennessee and surrounding states are expected to attend the three day event, according to Dr. Lewis Sewell, dean of religious affairs at the Baptist college.

The theme of the conference is "Christ Above All" and will be climaxed by a sermon with the same title on the final day by Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Principal speakers will be Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president, Criswell Bible Institute, Dallas; Dr. Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, New Orleans.

Miss Joe Ann Shelton, nationally renowned singer from Fort Worth will present the special music at the sessions.

Baptists Plan World Meetings For '73, '74, '75

The Baptist World Alliance headquarters in Washington, D.C., has received requests for more than 5,000 beds for the 13th Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, July 8-13, 1975.

These represent only North American tour groups, according to Dr. Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Stockholm hotels are holding an additional 2,000 beds for Europeans, and up to a thousand for persons from other parts of the world.

The 1975 meeting in Stockholm will be the third world meeting to be sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance in three years. An international Conference of Baptist Men is planned in Jerusalem, November 4-10, 1973, and the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A., July 31-August 4, 1974.

Church Of England Asks Greater Freedom

The governing body of the Church of England, the general synod, is to ask the British Parliament for freedom to control its own liturgy and worship.

At present the Church has to ask Parliament for permission each time it wants to change its services or formulate its doctrine.

But to help get the measure through Parliament, the synod is stating in effect that whatever changes might be made at any time, the traditional 1662 Prayer Book will not be scrapped, and any church which wishes will be able to use it. Not to have allowed this would bring a clash between the Church and the state, the synod was told.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey, said there was a general wish within the Church that the partnership between the Church and state be continued but that the general synod should be the body which controls doctrine and worship.

Campus Crusade To Launch TV Series

"Explo '73," a new weekly television series produced by Campus Crusade for Christ International, will be launched in nine major cities throughout the United States on Sunday, February 4, 1973.

The 30-minute program will include music, interviews, testimonies and a special feature each week highlighting news events taking place in the Christian community all over the world.

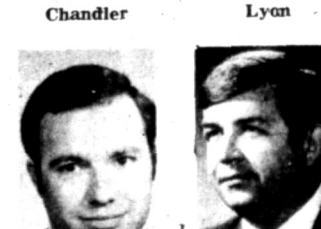
Dr. Bill Bright, founder and president of the worldwide, interdenominational movement, will host the series. Stations carrying "Explo '73" include: KHOF-TV, Los Angeles; WHAS-TV, Atlanta; KPAZ-TV, Phoenix; WBMG-TV, Birmingham; WZZM-TV, Grand Rapids; WBSN-TV, Columbus, Ohio; KCST-TV, San Diego; WLAC-TV, Nashville; WOIT-TV, Des Moines.



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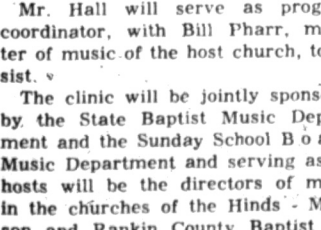
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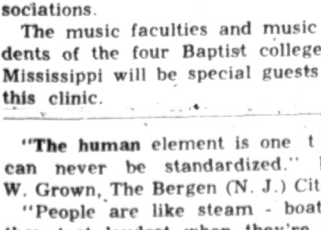
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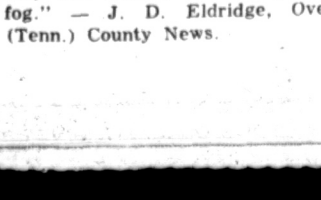
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tional service, "happy time," and rap sessions.

Mr. Hall will serve as program coordinator, with Bill Pharr, minister of music of the host church, to assist.

The clinic will be jointly sponsored by the State Baptist Music Department and the Sunday School Board Music Department and serving as co-hosts will be the directors of music in the churches of the Hinds-Madison and Rankin County Baptist associations.

The music faculties and music students of the four Baptist colleges in Mississippi will be special guests for this clinic.

"The human element is one that can never be standardized," Fred W. Grown, The Bergen (N.J.) Citizen. "People are like steam—boats—they too loudest when they're in a fog." — J. D. Eldridge, Overton (Tenn.) County News.

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EDITORIAL

Extinguishing The Fires Of Hostility

By Joseph B. Underwood
Lazarus Malunga, of Zambia, explained to a fellow pastor the meaning of reconciliation by reminding him of a familiar African custom.

Sometimes a disagreement between father and son becomes so acute that they resolve to declare publicly the rupture of their relationship. A fire, symbolizing their hostility, is kindled between them. Father and son pull on opposite ends of a rope. A third person either cuts the rope or burns it asunder in the fire. The relationship is openly repudiated.

Later, they may wish to forgive and be forgiven. Another public ritual is required to declare the restoration of their relationship. Again the fire is ignited. Father and son stand on opposite sides, each holding a piece of rope. While one pulls the ropes together another pours salt on the fire to extinguish its flames. Father and son are reconciled. The relationship is reestablished. Hostility is replaced by love and companionship.

Fires of hostility burn fiercely today in many areas of human relationships, as well as in civil and international warfare.

The basic antagonism is man's rebellion against God. Knowing him as God, he yet refuses to worship him; neither is he thankful (Romans 1:21). A sense of guilt fills his heart. Hostility toward God turns his life into a civil war and his world into a battlefield. Man desperately needs reconciliation with God, with himself, with his fellow-men.

In spite of man's total unworthiness, God has given himself to redeem and reconcile man — the ungodly, the sinner, the enemy (Romans 5:6-11). "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself" (2 Cor. 5:18).

God has entrusted to the reconciled both the ministry and the message of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-19). More-

over, he has commissioned us to serve as his ambassadors to appeal to all men to be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:20). This we do — not simply because of the command, but because we, having experienced the love of God, are impelled to share that grace with others.

The World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, therefore, is not a campaign. It is a way of life — God's way of life! It must also be the believer's way of life, expressing in testimony and ministry the love of God for man's redemption.

It is essential that we be reminded of and prepared for our supreme mission as disciples of Jesus Christ. And that we be motivated! And activated!

This, then, is the double objective of the World Mission of Reconciliation as proposed by the Baptist World Congress at Tokyo in 1970. To date, 94 Baptist conventions in 83 countries have voted their involvement in this Mission.

No uniform program or method is suggested. Each Baptist convention is choosing the emphases most appropriate and effective for their circumstances. It is exciting, however, that almost without exception one major emphasis is the spiritual preparation and training of every believer to be a Spirit-led and Spirit-empowered witness.

Another emphasis in many conventions is cooperative evangelistic endeavors of extraordinary depth and scope. A third emphasis is on ministries of reconciliation by which efforts are made to replace hate, distrust, and prejudice with genuine Christian love and brotherhood.

Here are some suggestions for the churches:

1. Cultivate genuine Christian love in every church family, demonstrating positively the redemptive fellowship of 1 John 1 and Romans 12:9,10.

2. Lead every believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18, Acts 1:8).

3. Prepare every believer for dynamic and continuous personal witnessing.

4. Plan extra-ordinary evangelistic campaigns in cities, associations, and state conventions.

5. Create opportunities to bridge chasms of misunderstanding, fear, suspicion, prejudice with Christ-like love.

(1) Churches of various races and segments of society can worship jointly. (2) The same churches can sponsor agape meals — to talk of the grace of God (not of problems and conflicts) in personal experience. (3) Home fellowship meetings of believers of different races and classes can enable believers to know, understand and appreciate one another as each shares what Christ is doing in his life.

(6) Practice ministries of love and reconciliation to unfortunate persons in a demonstration of genuine personal caring! Train a leader for every city block: to evangelize, to sponsor home Bible study and prayer fellowship, to minister personally to a variety of needs.

7. Get acquainted in one's own block (neighborhood). Be a friend and a witness to one's neighbors.

8. Lead every believer to discover, develop and use his particular "gift" to witness, to touch others for Christ, to help heal broken relationships.

9. Increase prayer and financial support of world missions. The problems are beyond human resources. But, God is still "able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

(Joseph B. Underwood is general chairman of the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, a project of the Baptist World Alliance. This guest editorial is used in recognition of the observance of BWA Sunday on February 4.)

NEWEST BOOKS

Reprint Of Evangelism Book: "How Jesus Won Men"

HOW JESUS WON MEN by L. R. Scarborough (Baker, 290 pp., \$2.95) Reprint of a book in which the widely known Southern Baptist educator and evangelist presents a careful study of the soul winning efforts of the Lord Jesus. Anything which Dr. Scarborough writes on evangelism needs to be widely read. We thank Baker for reprinting this book for this generation.

THE TOUCH OF THE SPIRIT by Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr., (Broadman, 160 pp., \$4.95) Another of the many studies on Spirit-filled living now coming from Broadman and other Christian publishers. Perhaps there never has been a time in Christian history when the work of the Spirit was being discussed more often and with deeper earnestness. This writer, who is a Baptist pastor, shows that effective witnessing and work can be only in the power of the Spirit.

OLD WINE IN NEW BOTTLES by John F. Havlik (Broadman, 92 pp., paper \$1.95) Messages by a member of the Evangelism Division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, dealing with issues which are raised by the modern "renewal revival" which is being felt in many denominations and which includes new discoveries by the youth of our day. The author speaks rather straight concerning some of the practices which we have called Christians, but which have betrayed the true Christian message. Dr. Havlik believes that something happens when we really have Christ. Have we allowed it to happen in our lives?

PLAIN TALK ON GALATIANS by Manfred G. Gutzke (Baker, 175 pp., paper \$1.95) Another of the many books on Galatians appearing at this time. The author who is a well-known Presbyterian Bible teacher carries on a Radio Broadcast, deals with the book word for word and verse by verse. Dr. Gutzke does not spend much time on introduction but plunges right into the riches of the book, and discusses it sentence by sentence. His outlining is very clear and he uses numerous illustrations to point up the truths which he finds in the Scriptures.

THE LAST WORD by Edward P. Moore, Jr. (Author; Box 112, University, Miss., 38677, 80 large pp., \$5.00) A very interesting collection of photographs and stories of tombstones in Mississippi. The author photographed many old tombstones all across the state and did research concerning some of them. Individuals will read with much interest some of the nostalgic history of the past, but also will want to visit some of the stones pictured in the places mentioned for himself. These are fascinating pages presenting a picture report of people of an age gone by.

THE FAT IS IN YOUR HEAD by Charles W. Shedd (Word, 122 pp., \$3.95) A new approach to the problem of overweight. The author describes himself as a fellow fatty. Here in 40 fascinating chapters, he talks about what the average person needs to do to take off weight. He shows all the problems and the failures as he himself experienced them, but he also shows the way to accom-

plishment. He lost 120 pounds through the principles set forth in this very readable volume.

EXPOSITORY SERMONS ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL, Volume IV, by W. A. Criswell. (Zondervan, 192 pp., \$4.95) The fourth and final volume in the series of sermon books on the book of Daniel, by this outstanding Southern Baptist preacher and scholar. The four books together make one of the finest preaching commentaries on Daniel available today. Out of his depth of scholarship Dr. Criswell brings together materials from history, archeology, and Biblical interpretation's richest sources, to provide for the reader understanding of all sections of the book. This last volume covers the last six chapters (7-12) and thus deals with the prophetic section of the book. (Of course there is some prophecy in earlier sections.) Dr. Criswell shows how God revealed to Daniel the events of history which were yet to come, especially as they relate to the Jew. The interpretation of the "70th week" is as clear and understandable as one can find anywhere. These sermons were preached to live congregations, so they are clear in presentation, direct in application, and rich in illustration. If you want to understand the book of Daniel we suggest that you get the entire set of books.

IS THERE HEALING POWER? ONE MAN'S LOOK AT AMERICA'S FAITH HEALERS by Karl Roebeling (David C. Cook, 112 pp., paper pocket book size, \$3.95) The author visited services led by America's best known faith healers, seeking to find the answer to the reports of faith healing. This book tells what he saw, but does not try to draw conclusions concerning these healings. He does acknowledge they exist and speaks of them as a stream of revival experience and asks the question "Is the spirit of God being outpoured as never before?"

THEY LOOKED FOR A CITY by Lydia Buksbazen (Chippmunk Books, Fort Washington, Pa., paper, \$1.45, 216 pp.) This fascinating book tells the incredible but true story of a Jewish family in eastern Europe and their bitter but triumphant struggle for survival. The book has been translated into many languages and made into a film.

EDUCATION... what's happening

Half a century ago the average adult had only a grammar school education. A quarter of a century ago the TV networks programmed their shows at a "ninth - grade mentality." Here is how the number of school years for median adults has risen: 1940-8.6 years; 1950-9.3; 1960-10.5. And now the latest: it has risen to 12.1 years and it means that for the first time in history, the average American adult is a high school graduate. There is no country in the world that has achieved anything like this. Scoff at education if you want, but we don't know of any capital investment that is superior to it in the long run; it's better than motor cars, better than skyscrapers. Maybe in time it will improve politics.

THE GREAT REVERSAL by David O. Moberg (Lippincott, 194 pp., \$5.95) A study of the relationship between evangelism and social concern. The importance of recognizing, and coping with social evil as well as personal sin, is emphasized. The author says that he is seeking to restore evangelical Christianity to its rightful place of leadership.

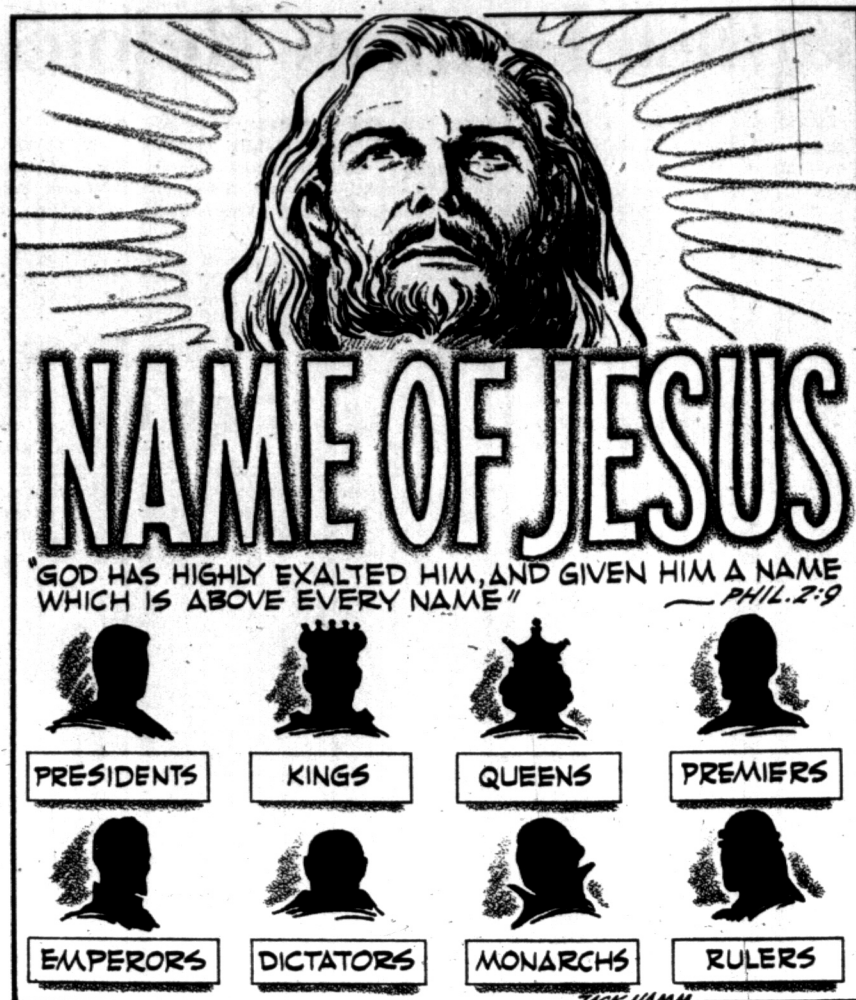
BEFORE THE LAST BATTLE by Arthur E. Bloomfield (Bethany Fellowship, 192 pp., paper, \$1.95) Sermons on the events which are to take place before the Battle of Armageddon as it is related to the Second Coming of Christ. The author studies the whole prophetic message that the gives the emphasis to certain truths, discussing them in short chapters. He seeks to show modern events which seem to be pointing to the coming of the Lord.

BASIC BIBLE DOCTRINE by Houston T. Eldridge (Baker, paper, 33 pp., \$95) Studies of basic Bible doctrines. The book is a guide to such study.

On The MORAL SCENE...

A picture of a dramatically altered America within three decades is emerging from official reappraisal of U. S. population changes. These studies suggest that population growth, a trend as old as the country, may be on the threshold of leveling off far sooner than expected. Among the likely consequences seen by population experts in a study of Government: (1) An older population — and perhaps one more conservative and resistant to change. (2) A shift in public spending, with relatively less going for schools and more going for health care, pensions and combating social ills of the cities. (3) Continued expansion of the U. S. economy — but new challenges for businesses heavily involved in youth markets. Opportunities for firms dealing in services and luxury goods, however, could be expected to grow. (4) Increasing financial problems for local governments in rural areas, where today's outward migration, if continued, would accelerate population declines.

(U. S. News & World Report, p. 50, 12-25-72) Statistically speaking, the majority of the elderly are neither isolated nor lonely. Most (77 percent of those interviewed in one study) live within a half hour's distance of at least one of their children. In another study, 65 percent had seen at least one child in the 24 hours prior to questioning. Only 5 percent live in institutions, with 87 percent of the men and 77 percent of the women living in households of their own. Thirty percent, according to the 1968 census, live alone, and only a few of these are completely removed from social contact. Yet actually, most would like a little more privacy. There is some evidence, in fact, that the elderly prefer "age segregation," that is, living with their agemates. Increasingly, they are withdrawing into retirement communities and rest homes. (Human Behavior, p. 44, September - October, 1972)



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THE BAPTIST FORUM

Montana Church Needs Handbells

Dear Sir:

I am interested in starting a Handbell Choir in our church. We have a good number of children who need a close relationship to one another. But as a church we do not have the money to obtain a set of such bells. Neither do I as a person. Could such be available from another church which has a set not in use, or do you know where we could obtain a set perhaps for half price or such?

I have never done this before, but I feel the Lord is definitely leading if such were available to us. I hope to hear from someone who could help.

Mrs. Geraldine Wessner
Deer Lodge, Montana

Pastor Enthusiastic About Work Of Church Music Department

Dear Sir:

Is this familiar? "Everybody, who will, come and help fill up the choir now! You'll receive a blessing for it!" A few faithful have already taken their places. The choir looks sort of skimpy yet! It presents a cold, uninviting, "hid behind a wall" atmosphere. An almost "don't get caught up here" kind of thing. The pastor shows discouragement and the "song leader" an attitude of resignation to the inevitable. Here and there, members avoid looking at one another; they just might feel guilty. After an awkward pause a few are overcome by a sense of duty and, looking knowingly at each other, they arise to join those already waiting. The scene varies a bit from community to community but usually the poor "song leader" goes out into the audience to seek out individuals and plead with them to come on and help out!

Mississippi Baptists "put up with this" for years and years. Beautiful buildings, increasing budgets, visitation programs and promotional schemes. "Comes Sunday" the music program is about the same.

It is changing. New enthusiasm, new methods, new music, new arrangements, a lot of imagination, constant practice, prayer and praise have brought about some new possibilities. People are not afraid of new ideas and changes. Pride in performance has replaced reluctance and unresponsive attitudes. Choirs are at work, instrumentalists are practicing to glorify God, personalities once hidden in timidity are coming forth to reveal unsuspected talents in music. A more worshipful and a more beautiful service is resulting. Souls are being won to Christ!

There is a reason for it. A knowledgeable, capable, enthusiastic group occupies a portion of the third floor of Miss. Baptist Building. Headed by Dan Hall as director, they are bringing new hope and new experiences to Miss. Baptists. In the field of church music. They search, they experiment, they plead, they arrange and rearrange in answer to the calls for help for churches of all sizes.

Some day congregations will sing fondly of "The Old Time Religion" but it will be the music that started in the 1970's among Miss. Baptists! The music of today will have formed the firm basis upon which the new music will be created. Music will have found its place. God will be praised. Choirs will be ready and congregations awaiting their appearance eagerly each week will be more than satisfied.

If your church is not satisfied with its music program you need to meet Dan Hall and company. If you are despondent, convinced that nothing can be done, contact Dan Hall and the Miss. Music Dept. They are waiting to hear and to help! They did it for us at Nesbit Baptist Church. They will continue as long as we feel the need.

H. S. Rogers, Pastor
Nesbit Church, Nesbit, Ms.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Some years ago — maybe about seven back — I took our three boys and a friend each to see the movie "Shenandoah," a super-sad movie set in Civil War Times, graphic in its filming of the horrors of the devastations made to land and homes.

It was a stroke of genius when James Stewart was cast as father of the close Southern family whose story the movie tells, and he was masterful in his execution of the role. Every other role was so equally well-cast that most of us in the audience were drawn into the family circle and assumed the grief resulting from the war all around us as our own personal grief.

Martha, the mother of our celluloid family, was buried in the family plot, but James Stewart kept her up-to-date on everything that went on by going to stand by her grave to talk to her, especially when she got grievously rough, and he felt exceedingly lonely.

Everything gross and sad that could happen to a family happened; the next tragedy started before the last one ended. Never have I seen a more dismal mess of happenings. Along about midway of this three-hour-long movie, I looked around just in time to see Jim, our youngest, then seven, scooting up the aisle toward the exit.

I wiped my eyes enough to be able to see to follow him. I found him standing all forlorn in the center of the lobby and asked, "What's the matter, honey?"

His terms were certain when he said, "That show is just too sad. I'm not going to sit in there and watch it."

I'm afraid I follow the same procedure about life sometimes — the young of our time call it "copping out." Translated, I believe this means "excusing myself from doing what you ought to be doing simply because you do not like the way doing what you ought to do makes you feel."

I see sadness that is not celluloid all around me. Some of it I could do something about, if by no more than being a friend to someone who needs a friend, but who, by her life style, separates herself from most folks like me, who live in proper houses and wear proper clothes, and helping someone else to have shoes for her feet.

Some of it I could do something about by being available to listen when a sad person needs to talk.

There's scarcely any sad situation which defies the creativity of a woman's heart toward improving the situation. But I look around at these things, and all too often, I scoot up the aisle to the exit, saying, without uttering a word, "This is just too sad. I'm not going to watch."

Maybe an adult "cop out" ranks right along with a teenage "drop out."—Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

Sign in at Fort Lauderdale (Florida) high school: "Don't worry; as long as there are final exams, there will be prayer in public schools!"

Better try something and fail, than try nothing and succeed.

Flowers leave part of the fragrance in the hand that bestows them.

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You Visited Me... Once

EDITOR'S NOTE: The story presented here is true. The California Southern Baptist has talked with the mother who wrote it and the sister who is mentioned. The sequence of events touched several churches, and at this time the young man is out of church. The story is not over, however, and through prayer the family is hoping for a sequel.

I am a young man twenty-four years old, lonely, disillusioned, divorced, frustrated, out of work, friendless, sad, hopeless, destined to drift over the world in search of someone who cares for my soul.

As a child I went to church with my family. My parents were Christians, not perfect, but doing what they believed was right in rearing us to have faith in God and to obey the laws, respecting authority. When I was nine years old I trusted Christ as my Saviour and became a member of a Baptist church. Moving to California soon after that was an unhappy experience in that I had to sell my bicycle, give up the big Doberman who had been constant companion and friend to me for three years. We were moving around, with many problems, mostly money, for the next three years. I wanted many things and could not understand why we were so poor when I saw other boys with the bicycles, good clothes and other things I wanted so much. This may not have been plain in my mind then, but it made me an unhappy and sometimes very unruly boy.

One thing that happened proved that I really loved the Lord and was trying to be the kind of person I should be. We were helping build a church and all the members were working. The city inspector came to the building one day when I was driving nails in the 2x4's for the fire-blocks. He stopped, watched me a few minutes, then asked, "What you think you are doing there, sonny?" I just stopped hammering long enough to tell him, "I am building a house for the Lord!" I was proud to hear my pastor tell this incident at the dedication of the new building several months later.

When I was thirteen another thing happened that I shall never forget. In my Sunday School class I was asked to read a verse of Scripture. I could not read well, but stumbled over the words. One of the girls began to laugh and make fun of me. I refused to go to Sunday School after that.

Several times I was involved in unlawful activities, because of the boys I went around with. I was easily tempted and loved the thrill of danger. There were some problems in our family that caused my parents to neglect me at times and maybe they couldn't see what was happening to me. All I wanted was security, love and recognition. In my efforts, I misbehaved in order to be noticed.

At sixteen I got a motorcycle and had a lot of problems because of it, then I got a car and had more problems. Finally, when I was seventeen and had already been suspended from school several times I joined the Navy. There were more problems and the temptations and frustrations multiplied.

I married at nineteen and in the next four years there were many problems. I honestly wanted to live right and to have a happy home. In San Diego where we were living for awhile, we went to a nearby church and I hoped that my wife who had been raised a Catholic would adjust to attending a Baptist church. She had promised me she would go with me to any church I wanted. When

we got home she criticized and made fun of the church service. I became bitter and quit trying to go to church or take her. The church members did not contact or visit us there either.

When I got out of the Navy I had a hard time getting a job and we had to live with my parents for awhile and our son was born there. We finally got moved to an apartment but had very little to live on until I had worked awhile.

My mother called a member of the church that I had joined three years before while on leave and mentioned that I was a member there and since the church members had not kept up with my whereabouts, she wanted them to know we were living very near, needed help and would appreciate a visit from them. She also mentioned that my wife was a Catholic and that she would be very easy to win for Christ if some of the people would show love and concern at this very trying time of our lives.

They visited us — once! We were so thrilled and surprised when two women came from the church with armloads of groceries and baby clothes and things we really needed. My wife could not believe it! She did not know that Christian people did these things. She was very impressed and sent them a beautiful note of thanks. We intended to attend church and thank them in person, but she got sick, then the baby was sick, and in the meantime no one else from the church ever called on the phone to see how we were getting along, or to ask us to attend. Not a single man ever showed any interest at all. It was as if we did not exist.

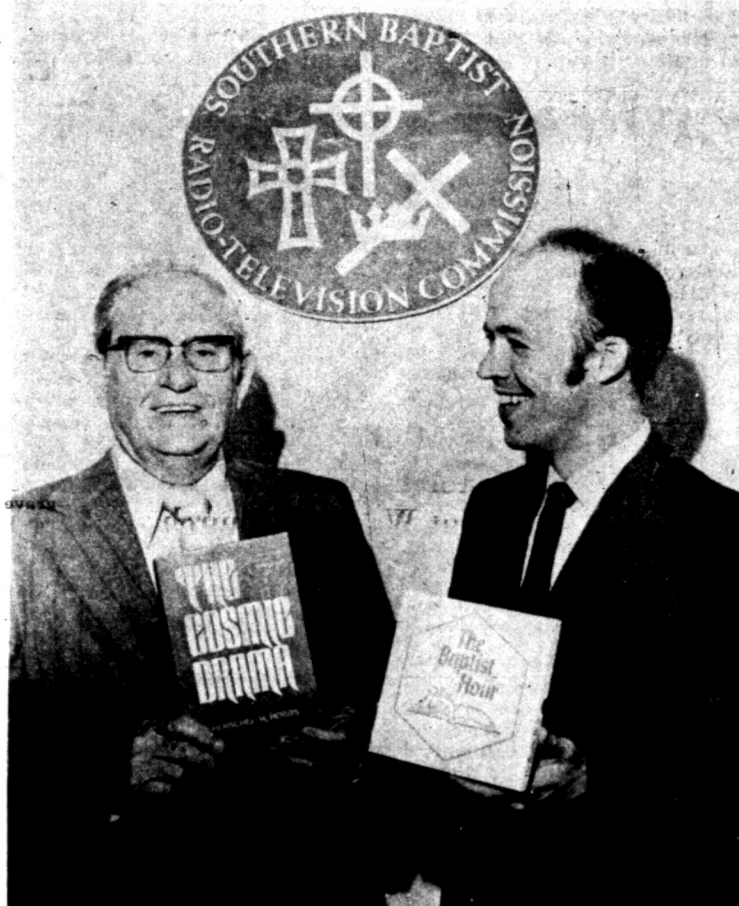
Maybe it was my fault, but I was so confused in my thinking and

there were so many things of the world crowding in that I never made any more efforts to go to church. My wife began to work, she had some very unsavory friends who influenced her and before long we were having more troubles. I lost my job and could not get work, then she went home to her mother and divorced me in Reno. The time since then has been so full of disappointments, heart-break and despair that I need not go into all of it.

I went to live with my sister and went to church with her and her family and for awhile it seemed that I might be able to remake my life into something worthwhile. When I finally rented a house and lived alone, only three people ever came to visit me... and they all wanted something from me or they would not have come. The church members never came to visit me, did not send me a letter or notice my existence at all.

This one thing stands out in my mind... what might have happened if after that first visit to us in our home with the gifts of food and clothing the church members had continued to show their love and concern for us? My wife was very close to a decision for Christ at that time. If she had made that decision it would have warmed my heart and we could have both begun a new life together with God as the head and Lord of our home. Today we might still be together, happy and raising our son to the glory of God. The saddest words of tongue or pen, are these: "It might have been." If you had visited us... once... then again and... again.

May God forgive you and make you aware now and every day of the hearts that are lonely, and in despair



'Revelations' On Revelation

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs (left) will preach a series of sermons on The Book of Revelation for "The Baptist Hour" Feb. 11-April 8. Based on Dr. Hobbs' "The Cosmic Drama," the sermons will be offered in a booklet which also will contain excerpts from the book. Ed Stanley (right) of the Radio and Television Commission, is producer of "The Baptist Hour." — Radio and Television Commission Photo

A Way To Children's Hearts

Phone Calls To The Pulpit

HOUMA, La. (RNS) — In some churches, if the telephone should ring during the Sunday morning sermon, a disgruntled usher has to get up to answer it.

Religions — — — — —

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Dr. Wilson will be the featured speaker at the annual banquet on Friday evening and will speak two times Saturday morning, on "Mass Evangelism Today" and "Follow Up Evangelism."

Dr. Bingham will speak Thursday afternoon on "Evangelism In Today's World" and Thursday evening on "New Ways to Teach the Old Story."

Also to appear on program will be Rev. Joe McKeever, minister of evangelism of the First Baptist Church of Jackson and Rev. Robert Wall, director of church relations, Mississippi College.

To serve as master of ceremonies at the banquet will be H. G. Earwood, of Columbus.

The association theme will be "Innovative Evangelism."

Other officers of the association are as follows: Bob McKee, Jackson, vice-president; Miss Frances Shaw, Jackson, secretary; Miss Shirley Page, Tupelo, pianist, and Mr. Earwood, chorister.

But at Grace Lutheran church here, when the phone rings during a sermon, the pastor answers it himself.

When he does, the Rev. Roger Grummer doesn't have to leave the pulpit. He just reaches down and picks up the receiver.

Interestingly enough, the calls always come from the same person — a little French boy named "Pierre Poceaux."

Pierre is an imaginary character but his "conversations" with Pastor Grummer provide real-life lessons for the children in the Missouri Synod congregation.

By using this unusual device, Pastor Grummer has been able to interest the French Cajun children in his congregation and solve what had been a vexing Sunday morning problem.

"Our congregation is a young church with a large number of children," he explained. "We began to notice that during the service precisely at sermon time, many of the children would, one by one, get up to use the restrooms. Soon the practice seemed to be of epidemic proportions. Although some of the members found the little 'exodus' amusing, others were visibly annoyed. After a few children's sermons, however, the situation was miraculously cured."

There was another factor involved, Pastor Grummer said.

"This area of the country has a rich French Arcadian or 'Cajun' heritage. Many families are still quite conversant in the French language. There is currently a movement in the area to conserve this heritage."

"When the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana began to offer courses in conversational French, I also joined in learning the French language. Part of the study program includes lessons in French which are available by dialing a number on the telephone. I think it was the influence of this study program which prompted me to select a French character for the children's sermons and also to use the telephone as a teaching device."

A cassette recorder, some push-buttons, and a large dose of imagination are all that Pastor Grummer needs to bring Pierre Poceaux and his captivating conversations to church each Sunday.

A short version of a typical conversation with Pierre Poceaux goes like this:

"Hello... Yes, this is Pastor Grummer... Who?... Oh, yes!... Bonjour!... (It's Pierre Poceaux, that little French boy who lives down along the bayou who calls us every now and then). Comment ça va, Pierre?... What's that?... Did I get the big red valentine that you sent me?... I sure did, Pierre. In fact, I've got it right here with me now. Uhuh... I brought it along to show it to the children this morning... You

Do you care? How long has it been since you checked your church roll to see if there is anyone you should seek out and find out if they need your love and concern? My name is still on your church roll... Did you know? — California So. Baptist

Re-Entry

By Wally Poor

From the air it did not appear different from a thousand other cities.

Even as Betty, my wife, and I came off the plane and found our way toward customs and immigration, the scene could have been Brasilia, Lima or Guatemala City.

But when it was our time to present our passports and health cards and the official, a woman, greeted me with a friendly smile, I knew it was really true. We were back in the United States after a four-year absence.

The airport was in Houston. Final destination: Missouri, where we are making our furlough home for the next year. Here are some of the sights, sounds and other sensations that assaulted our senses as we made our own personal re-entry into the United States:

Beautiful Christmas decorations everywhere. The contrast between a country steeped in Christian traditions and ones that are not was marked.

Friendliness. Where else in the world would a customs officer help you get a porter for your luggage? No place I've been.

English. Even after four years of speaking Spanish, its still not the same as your mother tongue. As we went into a restaurant for our first Stateside meal, everybody seemed to be sitting right at our table with us, speaking English into our ears.

The joy of walking through nearly any kind of store, seeing the new products and old familiar brands we hadn't seen in years. Until I could see and touch them, double knits were only something I'd seen allusions to in magazines.

Television. Of course we have it in Uruguay, where we live, but not in color. And there are all kinds of new programs we had just barely heard of, much less seen: All in the Family, Hee Haw, Flip Wilson, Adam-12, Walter Cronkite looks older. So does Dean Martin.

Women's Lib. I was a little sheepish when the blonde slip of a girl who met us in the courtesy car manhandled our luggage when we got to our hotel. I said so. "It's my job," she shrugged.

Automobiles. After driving a 10-year-old station wagon, which is considered a late model in Uruguay, every car looks luxurious to me. Used car lots are dazzling, junk yards unbelievable.

Surprisingly little rise in the cost of living. Americans have no idea what inflation really is. If you think things have gone up here, come to Uruguay, where, according to the Montevideo newspaper El Dia, the cost of living has gone up 6,457 per cent since 1962.

The obsession with pollution. Americans seem to have the idea that they invented it and that the United States is the only country whose air and water are defiled. Anyone who thinks that should stand on the shore of the Rio de la Plata below Buenos Aires or fly through the perpetual haze over nearly any large city from the Rio Grande to the South Pole.

The churches. Everywhere you go there are Baptist churches — big ones. Thank God for them and for our Christian homeland.

NOTE: Wally and Betty Poor will be visiting relatives in Wheaton and Bloomfield, Mo., while on furlough this year. During their last term of missionary service, they were responsible for the follow-up ministry of the Baptist Communications Center in Montevideo, Uruguay. They contacted, personally and through correspondence, persons who responded to radio programs of the center, witnessed to them and tried to enroll them in a Bible study course and relate them to a Baptist church in their community. Both Mr. and Mrs. Poor are professional journalists, and most of their work as missionaries has been related to the broadcast and print media.

made it all by yourself?... Unhun... but, you're not going to tell me where you got the lace that pos pasted around it... Well, Pierre, it sure looks nice, anyhow... Yes, I see...

"It says, I LOVE YOU, in big white letters right here on the front... Oh, you did?... You wrote something else on the inside? Well, let me open it up here and see what you wrote... Oh, that's real good, Pierre... What did you say?... Oh, yes, that's a perfect message for Valentine's Day... uhuh... I sure will, Pierre... I'll get someone to write in the first few see it... yes... and then... then they will pass it on to the next persons in church, until everyone has seen it... I sure will do that, Pierre... and thank you very much for calling... and for the valentine... Merci beaucoup!... O.K... Goodbye!"

Then everyone was able to look at the valentine as it was passed around. Each worshiper opened it up to see that in addition to the "I LOVE YOU" message printed outside, it also said inside, "and JESUS LOVES YOU, TOO!"

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—President and Mrs. Nixon (at right) stand with Dr. Billy Graham, one of the three clergymen who preached at the White House on the day following Mr. Nixon's inauguration. The other two were Roman Catholic Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati, and Rabbi Edgar E. Magnin of Los Angeles. The White House service was attended by 300 guests, many of whom were workers who planned the inaugural ceremony, parade and entertainments. (RNS Photo)

At The Inauguration

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pruning hooks: nation shall not up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Graham at the White House worship service told the President and the 300 guests that he would like to have the Ten Commandments read every day in America's classrooms. He said that "our young people flounder because they are uncertain as to what is right and wrong. Who can improve on the Ten Commandments?" he asked.

Later in an interview, Chief Justice Warren Berger of the U. S. Supreme Court said that Graham's suggestions would raise constitutional questions, that the practice of reciting the Ten Commandments in the nation's public schools would come close to being ruled unconstitutional.

In addition to Bill Linehart of the American Baptist Convention's office in Washington, a dozen Southern Baptist Seminary students and two professors joined the thousands who converged on Washington during the inauguration to protest the Vietnam war.

The Baptist women's prayer breakfast the morning of the inauguration was under the sponsorship of the women's department of the District of Columbia headed by Mrs. Kathryn Grant.

Approximately 150 persons were present at the breakfast. Mrs. Grant said that they were surprised that most of the persons present were men and a large group of young people.

In addition to patriotic songs and prayers, Congressman John Buchanan (R., Ala.) was the featured

speaker. His subject was "The Christian in Government." The congressman, who had recently returned from a trip to Russia, said that the greatest right people in America enjoy is to follow God in what they feel Him leading them to do.

Following the prayer meeting, groups of four youth and one adult dispersed to intersections along the parade route and distributed copies of the Gospel of John and an evangelistic tract. Mrs. Grant estimated that there were at least 250,000 tracts and gospels available for distribution.

During the day the Baptist Women served cookies, coffee and tea at a refreshment center in the building of the Potomac Electric Power Company on the parade route. The cookies had been baked by the women in the Baptist churches in the District of Columbia area.

Mrs. Grant said that in addition to the physical refreshments there was a table with religious tracts and the Gospel of John available for the visitors. She reported that many people not only took copies for themselves but that many came back for extra copies to give to their friends.

DODOMA, Tanzania — Ambokile Mwakatwila, first missionary of the Tanzania Baptist Convention, has baptized 39 into the fellowship of the Baptist church here during his first 18 months on the field, a church member has given 2½ acres of land to be used as a church farm, and Mwakatwila plans to plant papaya, corn, beans and peanuts, with proceeds going to the church. The congregation, which meets in the Dodoma Secondary School, hopes to construct a building soon.

Year Of Evangelism

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

By R. Othal Feather

A short time ago I went visiting with the director of my adult Sunday School department. Among the calls we were to make there was the name of a lady, a non-resident Baptist, whose son and daughter-in-law were active members of our church. We thought she was a widow.

There was no one at home, but as we were leaving a man drove in the driveway and got out of his car.

My visiting companion introduced himself and then introduced me as a minister and a seminary professor. This seemed to turn our casual acquaintance "off." He actually revealed a definite dislike for preachers and a critical attitude toward churches in general. It turned out that he was the husband of the lady who was not at home at that address.

He rather reluctantly invited us into the house. In a few moments, with his half-hearted consent, I was able to share my personal testimony. Then I asked my layman friend to share his testimony of faith in Christ. Strangely enough, his testimony was very similar to mine, but enthusiastically received. Our unsaved host exclaimed, "You sound just like Billy Graham whom I listen to frequently on TV."

My immediate reaction was, "What was wrong with my testimony?" Then suddenly I realized my church visitor companion was a "satisfied customer" in the eyes of the prospect but I was "a paid salesman" in the realm of religion.

Every Christian has a testimony others need to hear. In fact, every believer is the best Christian someone knows.

Registration Ends For SBC Youth Choir

NASHVILLE — Registration has been completed for the first Southern Baptist Convention Youth Choir Festival, scheduled for Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C., June 28 - 30, 1973.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, announced that registration was limited to 2,600 participants because of the size of the newly remodeled Spilman Auditorium at Ridgecrest.

Due to the limited space of the auditorium, only registered guests will be admitted to festival activities for the three day event.

Another SBC Youth Choir Festival is scheduled for June 1-7, 1974, at Gloriaeta Baptist Conference Center, Gloriaeta, N. M. Registration forms for the Gloriaeta Festival will be available in October, 1973. Registration for this festival also will be on a first - come first - serve basis.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic — Southern Baptist missionary Howard Shoemaker gave a policeman a ride. The officer saw a copy of the New Testament on Shoemaker's dashboard and commented: "I read my Bible every day." When the missionary asked how he happened to develop this habit, the policeman answered: Last Christmas someone gave me a New Testament as a gift. That is the best gift I have ever received in my life." (It is the custom here to give a gift to the traffic policeman at corners one passes frequently.) As they talked, Shoemaker discovered that the Testament was in one of several packets he had prepared for distribution the preceding Christmas.

MC Religious Emphasis Week Chooses Theme: "My B(R)Other?"

Pat Hannaford of Senatobia and Larry Miller of Vicksburg have been elected co - chairmen of the 1973 Religious Emphasis Week at Mississippi College.

The two students were chosen by vote of the student body to be in charge of the special activities scheduled for February 12-15.

Miss Hannaford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon E. Hannaford of Senatobia, is active in campus activities. She serves on the Baptist Stu-

"Presenting Christ To The Port City" Theme Of Banquet

"Presenting Christ to the Port City" was the theme of Greenville's Stewardship Banquet, in Greenville, Friday, January 19. The banquet was held in the fellowship hall with decorations to fit the Port City atmosphere.

Entertainment was provided by the youth director, Gary Pierce, and four ladies in the church, Mrs. Marion Smith, Mrs. Sidney Majure, Mrs. Jimmie Lou Formigoni, and Mrs. Nancy Constanzi. The accompanist was Mrs. Becky Brooks.

Harry Vickery from Vickery Harry Chevrolet - Oldsmobile Company gave a personal testimony on tithing. Mr. Vickery was followed by the special speaker, Rev. Barry Landrum, pastor, First Church, Greenville.

After the Stewardship Banquet Friday night, on Sunday morning there was special emphasis on commitment to tithe.

Eighth Birthday

Greenfield Church, Greenville, celebrated its eighth birthday on Sunday, January 8. Special recognition was given during Sunday school to all charter members. Those who have attended Greenfield since the time it became a church were given red ribbons to wear to the church's birthday party. (There are from 35 to 40 charter members who still attend the church.)

The birthday party was held in the fellowship hall after the Sunday morning service. Twenty charter members, along with the rest of the congregation, attended.

Union (Lincoln) Has New Pastor

Union Church near Brookhaven has a new pastor, Rev. James Case, who came from the pastorate of Eastside Church, Rayville, La.

Mr. Case is married to Freda Ann Smith of Brookhaven. They have three children, James Alfred Jr., 13, Angela Rena, 12, and Reginald (Reggie), 6.

In Deer Creek Association in Louisiana, Mr. Case was secretary and treasurer and adult-leader, and in Richland Association he was president of the pastors' conference. Mrs. Case was youth leader in Deer Creek Association and WMU director in the Richland Association. At Eastside Church she was WMU director, Adults director, and youth choir leader.

Mr. Case's former pastorates were

Television Evangelism Show Is Rescheduled To Air April 1

ATLANTA (BP) — Originally set to go on the air the middle of February, "Spring Street USA," Southern Baptists' first evangelistic variety show, has been rescheduled to premiere April 1.

Special guests for the rescheduled shows include singer Pat Boone, Apollo 15 Astronaut James Irwin, comedian Jerry Clower, Texas Singer Cynthia Clawson, television singer Norma Zimmer, and "Queen of the West" Dale Evans Rogers.

Also appearing on future shows as guest stars will be country music singer Connie Smith, pianist - composer - singer Ken Medema, music evangelist Jamall Badry, singer Jo Ann Shelton, former Louisiana Governor Jimmy Davis, vocal group Andrae Crouch and the Disciples, and the Tom Tichenor puppets.

Rescheduling of the programs will result in a wider distribution on more stations, and a continuous running program, said Fred Moseley, as-



Mississippians At WMU Board Meeting, SBC

Mrs. Vernon May (left), Mississippi's WMU president, presented Mississippi WMU leaders who participated in the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board's meeting for promotion, held at Birmingham. From the right are Frances Shaw, state Baptist Young Women director, and

Marjean Patterson, state WMU executive secretary. In the background is Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of WMU, SBC. Mississippians not pictured are Waudine Storey, Girls in Action and Mission Friends director, and Edwina Robinson, retired executive secretary.

dent Union executive council, is president of the B. S. U. Vesper Choir, and is a member of Nenamoosha Social Tribe.

Miller, son of Mrs. Clara Miller of Vicksburg, is a transfer student from Prairie View A & M College. A music major, he has participated in the college's Opera Workshop and is a member of the Concert Choir. He is also active in B. S. U. activities.

A student steering committee and Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities on campus, have been working with the co - chairmen to pre-

pare for the week of religious emphasis.

The theme for the week, "My B(r)other?", will be carried out by the four speakers in chapel programs, seminars, dormitory discussions, and luncheons.

The speakers who will appear are Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi; Mrs. Betty Higgins, director of public relations at Clarke College; Ray Hildebrand, national staff member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes stationed in Kansas City, Mo.; and Nathan Porter, asso-



The annual Mississippi College Religious Emphasis Week has been scheduled for Feb. 12-16 on campus. Pictured in a planning session, from the left are Erik Case, Wesson, co-chairman of the Hospitality Committee; Beverly Quinn, Jackson, member of the campus Religious Activities Committee; Larry Miller, Vicksburg, co-chairman of the week; Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities on campus; and Pat Hannaford, Senatobia, also co-chairman of the week. (M.C. Photo by Rosa Lee Harden)

William Carey's February 17 Homecoming Plans Announced

ANNUAL HOMECOMING activities for 1973 have been planned by William Carey College for Saturday, February 17, beginning with registration for all alumni at 10:30 a.m.

According to alumni association president, Nathan Barber, a full day of special activities has been planned which will include the annual alumni business meeting, the annual alumni banquet, the Homecoming basketball game, and a special concert by nationally famous Ray Stevens.

Following registration in Wilkes Dining Hall at 10:30, the business session will be held in the Faculty Dining Hall and all alumni are urged to be present for very important business matters that will come before the group. Rev. Nathan Barber, president for the Carey Alumni Association for 1972, will be in charge. New officers for 1973 will be elected. Constitutional changes will be presented, and alumni projects for the year will be decided.

The most important alumni event of the day will occur at 1 p.m. in Wilkes Dining Hall in the form of the annual alumni banquet. Reservations for this affair must be made through the Office of Alumni Affairs.

at New Hope, Coffeeville; Rehobeth, Pelahatchie; Lamar, Delhi, La.; and Eastside.

Brookhaven is the home town of both Mr. and Mrs. Case.

cough the Office of Alumni Affairs. Hundreds of alumni are expected to attend the banquet and enjoy the presentation of the "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" award and the "Alumni Class Attendance" award. An unusually interesting program has been planned which will also include special music and a brief address by President J. Ralph Noonkester.

Dr. and Mrs. Noonkester will host the alumni at an after dinner coffee in the President's Home from 3 until 4 p.m. on homecoming. Special honorees at the reception will be the one (or ones) selected as the year's "Outstanding Alumni."

At 6:30 p.m. the annual Homecoming Basketball game will be held in Clinton Gymnasium with the Carey Crusaders meeting the Columbus College Cougars from Columbus, Georgia. During the half - time ceremonies there will be the presentation of the Homecoming Queen for 1973 and her court.

A special highlight of Homecoming, 1973 - for both alumni and student body - is a concert to be held in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium by nationally known T. V. and movie personality Ray Stevens. The Stevens' concert will begin immediately following the Homecoming ballgame at approximately 9 p.m. on Saturday night. Alumni who register at 11 for

assistant executive secretary - treasurer and acting director of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

"The films we originally had planned to premier on Feb. 11 are ready, but we faced difficulty in finishing the second group of the series in time for completion of the first," Moseley said. "Rather than rerun the first segments so early or skip a few weeks, we felt it as preferable to move the programs up seven weeks."

The first half - hour programs feature evangelism leader Kenneth L. Chafin as host. Chafin, former director of evangelism for the SBC Home Mission Board, is now pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston. He closes each program with a brief message.

A new musical group, formed especially for the variety show, the Spring Street Singers, will appear each week. Music for the telecasts is directed by Beryl Red of New York, president of BR Productions and General Music Co., and one of Southern Baptists' best known composers and arrangers.

The variety program and the singing group derive their names from the 1350 Spring Street address of the Atlanta - based SBC Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission Board is responsible for the content of the show while the SBC Radio and TV Commission is cooperating in the production and distribution of the programs. Truett Myers of the Radio and TV Commission is producer of the show.

B.A.L.L. Club Goes To Lunch

The Senior Citizens of Poplar Springs Church, Meridian, have decided to call their group the B.A. L.L. (Be Active, Live Longer) Club.

On Thursday, January 25, the club, with members 52 and up, held a covered dish fellowship luncheon, from 11:45 to 2.

ciated with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in charge of Campus Evangelism in Atlanta, Ga.

The New Californians, a traveling religious rock group, will be on the campus Wednesday, Feb. 14, to sing and give testimonies.

The week will be climaxed on Thursday night with a student production of "Come Together," a religious folk musical with a different approach. A quick follow - up and summary session on Friday morning will complete the week's activities.

Mississippians May Register For Conference

Mrs. Eugene E. Gardner, a registered nurse from Shreveport, La., is the first person to register for the Apr. 2-3 counseling conference to be led by Dr. Wayne E. Oates at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe. She has attended previous conferences led by Dr. Oates at the Home.

Supt. Wade B. East said that interested persons - in Mississippi, regardless of profession or denominational affiliation, are invited to register for the conference. Afternoon and evening sessions are slated April 2 with morning and afternoon sessions Apr. 3. This schedule will make it possible for persons attending to have to spend only one night away from home.

Attendance must be limited to the first 150 persons who send a \$5 registration fee made payable to the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home at Box 4196, Monroe, La. If the person registering notifies the Home by March 15 of a change in plans which would prohibit attendance, the fee will be refunded.

Those attending will make their own arrangements for lodging and meals during the conference.

European Baptist

Press Service

Moves To Paris

PARIS, France (BP) — European Baptist Press Service, based at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, since its beginning in July, 1961, will henceforth operate from a suburb of this French capital.

John M. Wilkes, Southern Baptist Convention foreign missionary working in Paris, is the new director of EBPS, how based in Massy, France. He succeeded Miss Iona Gray of Richmond, Va., interim director June, 1971 through December, 1972.

EBPS serves the European Baptist Federation providing news about Baptist life in Europe.

The director has always been a missionary appointee or employee of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, selected with the approval of the Federation. Predominant financial support of the press service also comes from the mission board.

the business session and the Homecoming Banquet earlier in the day, will be given free tickets to the concert by the Student Government Association of the college. Regular charge for the concert will be \$3.00 per seat.

Medical Missions Meet Set For Houston Feb. 9-10

RICHMOND — The first of two annual medical missions conferences sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will be held in Houston, Feb. 9 - 10. Participants will have dialogue and fellowship with missionaries who can give them firsthand information of Southern Baptist medical work in at least eight foreign countries.

The second conference will be held in Richmond, April 6-7.

More missionaries and former missionaries, representing more countries, will be present in Houston than at past medical missions conferences, according to Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, associate secretary in the department of promotion and furloughing ministries of the Foreign Mission Board.

Different program personalities each year make each conference new, exciting and different, she said.

The theme of this year's program, "On Call," reflects both the medical and spiritual sides of medical missions, added Miss Dawkins. Referring to the spiritual side, she said, "Once you become a Christian you are thereafter 'on call' to God's will for your life."

Invited to attend the meeting are students and practitioners in the field of medicine, dentistry, nursing, hospital administration and the paramedical fields, pre - nursing and premedical students, and Baptist campus ministers.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, NASA. Room reservations should be made with Miss Lois Borgstrom, Holiday Inn, 1300 NASA Blvd., Houston, Tex. 77058.

Everyone planning to attend should

MARIJUANA laws should be eased, penalties for private possession for personal use should be dropped. National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse also called for lighter penalties for public possession, distribution, and public use. It urged felony penalties for growing marijuana, selling it for profit, and possession with intent to sell. Driving under influence of marijuana should be made a misdemeanor. Current federal law makes possession or casual distribution a misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 year in jail, or \$5,000 fine, or both. In addition, most states make free distribution of small amounts a felony. Commission estimates more than 500,000 use marijuana heavily. It expressed little alarm for great mass of occasional smokers, said risk of harm lies in heavy, long - term use. Its public opinion survey found that 24 million had used marijuana at least once, 8.3 million are current users. Incidence of smoking it is greatest in 18-25 age bracket. Marijuana arrests rose from 18,815 in 1965 to 188,682 in 1970.

Revival Dates

Emmanuel Church, Biloxi: Rebrury 11-16; Rev. James Fancher of Jackson, evangelist; Mrs. Lennie Thompson, musician; services daily at 12:00 noon with lunch at the church, and at 7:15 p.m.; Rev. Robert E. Self, pastor.

Northwest Hills, Jackson: Feb. 4-9; Rev. Joe Bob Mizzell, pastor, First Church, Childersburg, Ala., guest evangelist; Dennis McCoy, New Orleans, Louisiana, in charge of song service; services at regular worship hours on Sunday and at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Rev. Jim Shanahan, pastor.

also register with Miss Dawkins, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23290.

The program will open with a dinner at 6 p.m. Friday and conclude with a worship service at 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

These missionaries are among those who will serve as resource persons: Dr. and Mrs. Hal B. Boone, Uganda; Dr. and Mrs. M. Giles Fort Jr., Rhodesia; Dr. and Mrs. Jack E. Tolar Jr., Nigeria; Miss Diana Lay, Ghana; Miss Vera Gardner, Thailand; Miss Annie Sue Clift, Japan; and Miss Jacqueline Eubank, Nigeria.

Also, several persons involved in the board's short - term medical programs will report on their overseas experiences, and board administrators will be on hand for consultation.

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Ezekiel, The Prophet Of A New Heart And Spirit

By Clifton J. Allen
Ezekiel 11:14-21; 36

Ezekiel was indeed a prophet of hope. His hope for and faith in the future of God's people rested on his confidence in the faithfulness of God. Severe judgment had been a necessary expression of God's righteousness and a necessary means for the chastening and purifying of his people. But the exile in Babylon did not mean that God had abandoned hope in his people. They had gone far from the Lord, but he had not forsaken them. Through his sovereignty and through his grace, God would preserve and restore and cleanse his people that they might demonstrate to the world his holiness and goodness. Ezekiel was the prophet of a new heart and a new spirit, a witness to the power and grace of God.

The Lesson Explained
GOD WILL ACT (vv. 22-25)
Jerusalem had been destroyed. The people had suffered justly for their uncleanness and the evil of their doings. But God had not finished with them. He was about to act to deliver and restore his people. He would do this to vindicate his holy name. In the thinking of the pagan nations, the captivity of Judah meant defeat and humiliation for their God. In this way, God's name was profaned and God's power seemed to be overthrown and God's people seemed to be hopeless. He declared that he would vindicate his holiness, that is, his power and righteousness, before their very eyes. He would be sanctified in their sight. God would do this, not because his people were deserving and worthy, but because of his own faithfulness and grace. And by his righteous and gracious dealings with his people, not only gathering them from captivity back to their own land, but doing so in clear demonstration of his sovereign power, he would cause the nations to know that he is the Lord. God would act for his own glory.

THE HEART MADE NEW (vv. 26-28)
In these verses we have a foregleam of the Christian gospel. God's word through Ezekiel emphasized that his purpose for his people could be accomplished only by people with a new heart and a new spirit. In other words, they must be a cleansed and changed people. This transformation of the heart could happen in no other way than through the initiative and power and goodness of God. Their cold and rebellious and hardened heart of stone would give place to a new heart responsive to the purpose of God. The intention of God's gracious dealings with Judah was that the restored and forgiven and renewed people would be able to walk according to God's statutes and keep his ordinances. The people would be indeed God's people, worshipping him and serving him; and he would be their God, preserving them and blessing them.

RESULTS IN LIFE (vv. 29-32)
Throughout our lesson passage there is repeated emphasis on God's deliverance of his people from their uncleanness. This likely points to the degradation and corruption of idolatry. The lives of the people, indwelt by a new spirit imparted by God, would manifest a new quality of moral purpose and a new kind of spiritual devotion. They would also enjoy the blessings of prosperous harvests so as never again to suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. God's work of grace in their hearts would find expression in their lives. There would be repentance for their past deeds of infidelity and wickedness; they would remember these with loathing and regret. They would be constantly aware of the obligation to walk in the ways of the Lord and to be set apart for his purpose before the world.

BMC Ministers

Alumni To Meet

Eugene Barnett, president of the Blue Mountain Ministers' Alumni, announces a meeting to be held Monday evening Feb. 5 at the Natchez Trace Inn beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Tupelo. There will be a brief business meeting with dinner to follow. All members are urged to bring their wives to the meeting. Cost of the meal will be \$2.50 per plate. If you are going to be able to attend please send confirmation to Eugene Barnett, Box 61, Walnut, Miss. 38683.

Youth Court Counselor To Speak At Friendship

Friendship Church, Pike Association, McComb, will have as guest speaker on February 4, Robert R. Harrison, Youth Counselor, Copiah-Lincoln Youth Court, Hazlehurst. Mr. Harrison will be speaking to the Adults during the Church Training period and to the Youth immediately following the evening worship hour. His subject will be "Drug Abuse and Its Effect on the Home." Young people in the area are invited to attend the program at 8 p.m. Rev. Glen Schilling is pastor.

Truths to Live By

The trouble with the world is heart trouble. — We have abundant evidence, which calls for no argument but does call for staggering awareness, that the disorder and corruption and hostility and injustice in our world situation spring from the evil in human hearts. At the very center of man's being, apart from the transformation of God's saving work in

Christ, there is selfishness, pride, covetousness, envy, distrust, deceit, and impurity. The world's heart trouble is moral and spiritual. The sooner the people of the world face this, the brighter the prospect for people everywhere.

Hope for mankind is in the new heart. — We can find hope in the God of grace, who can take away the stony heart and give to men a new heart; a

new source of motivation and strength, of attitude and purpose of a new life. This is exactly what God in Christ is doing in the world. He is reconciling the world to himself by the blood of the cross, and this means that God is breaking down the enmity in human hearts toward God and imparting to all who will believe in Christ- openness and love and concern toward the peoples of the world.

God acts in judgment and in grace.

—Judgment is the inevitable consequence of disobedience and rebellion and unbelief. The outcome of unrighteousness is certain judgment. But God is also merciful and gracious, long-suffering and forbearing, willing to forgive and eager to redeem.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Sin Of An Easy Conscience

I Corinthians 5
By Bill Duncan

Do you ever read someone else's mail by mistake? It really does not make sense because you are on one side of the conversation or idea. But 22 of the books in the New Testament are letters sent to churches. The letter to the church at Corinth does not give us all the details. We must read between the lines to determine what was the problem Paul was dealing with. Apparently, someone had an illicit union with a stepmother that Paul was very concerned about. The word "father's wife" probably does not mean his mother or else Paul would have said so. The letter does not say whether the offender had seduced his stepmother or that she was divorced from his father or that the father had died leaving her a widow. But there was definitely a union that Paul says even the pagans would not condone. The reaction of the church at Corinth was wrong as well. Some had become puffed up, showing a superior standing as governing their behavior rather than Christian humility. There were others who were agreeing that this illicit union was all right. Therefore, this created a disturbance in the fellowship.

Paul admonished the church that they needed to go into a state of mourning over the offense. This state of mourning is not made exactly clear except that it was a state of dealing with the offender in a very serious manner. Paul was shocked about the sin, but he was even more shocked by the attitude of the church to the sinner. They had accepted the situation, and had done nothing about it. They should have been grief-stricken, but their easy-going attitude had become dangerous. No sin can be accepted lightly. When we cease

to take sin seriously, we are endangering ourselves. For Paul says, "A little leaven beneath the whole lump." It is not a question of being critical or condemning, it is a question of being wounded, shocked, and hurt. It was sin that caused Jesus to die for the sake of the whole world; therefore, no Christian can take an easy-going view of sin.

This sinner, man, must be dealt with. This person was in the church and as a result, Paul admonishes the church to deal with him as a brother, as one who had fallen into a serious sin. Paul says that the man should be expelled from the church of Christ as to deliver him in a region where Satan holds sway. This is a very forcible expression for the loss of all Christian privileges. Its hard to see how expulsion from the church could have had the effect that Paul wanted it to have, but it was a purifying effect upon the church that Paul was seeking after. If they allowed the man to stay on in the church, it would be a stimulation of that which is wrong, or lust.

From what is said, Paul conceives that this punishment, a remedial of the flesh, is in order that the spirit may be saved. He means saved in the fullest sense by the addition "in the day of the Lord." At the final judgment, Paul expects to see the disciplined offender among the Lord's people.

If you let an evil influence into the church, it can corrupt the whole body of Christ. Discipline must sometimes be exercised for the sake of the church. To shut our eyes to offenses is not always a kind thing to do. It may be a damaging thing to do. But discipline is never exercised for the satisfaction of the person who exercises it, but always for the mending of the person who has sinned and always for the sake of the church. Discipline must never be vengeful, it must be curative and prophylactic.

It was Paul's principle that we are

not to judge those outside the church. We leave their judgment to God, who alone knows the hearts of men. But the man within the church has special privileges and therefore has special responsibilities. He has undertaken certain duties of his own free will, and therefore is answerable of them. He is a man who has taken an oath and a pledge to Christ and can therefore be called in question for how he keeps it.

Paul admonishes the church that they should seek to avoid the society of all evil men. Psalm 1 tells us, "happy is the man that walks not in the company of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." This progression of sin shows how sin becomes an idea and then soon becomes a way of life. Our relation with those who are sinners should be of such a nature that we try to help them rather than becoming like them in their way of life or their behavior.

We cannot escape this world but we can avoid the habit of living like the world. Paul was misunderstood at this point as many times we have seen misunderstood in talking about fellowship with the sinful world. He did not mean that they were to have no contact whatever with this world. His point was that they must not maintain intimate fellowship with the one who professes to be a Christian but denies his profession by his manner of life. This one was not really a brother but a fornicator. This was a point of trying to discipline the church for the sake of the church and all the believers in the church as well as the one who was the offender.

The church is a society of sinners who are trying to live a Christian life. We cannot fake the attitude of hypocrisy and think that we are better than others. But our attitude of love must seek that which is best for the church and those who have committed sins against the church and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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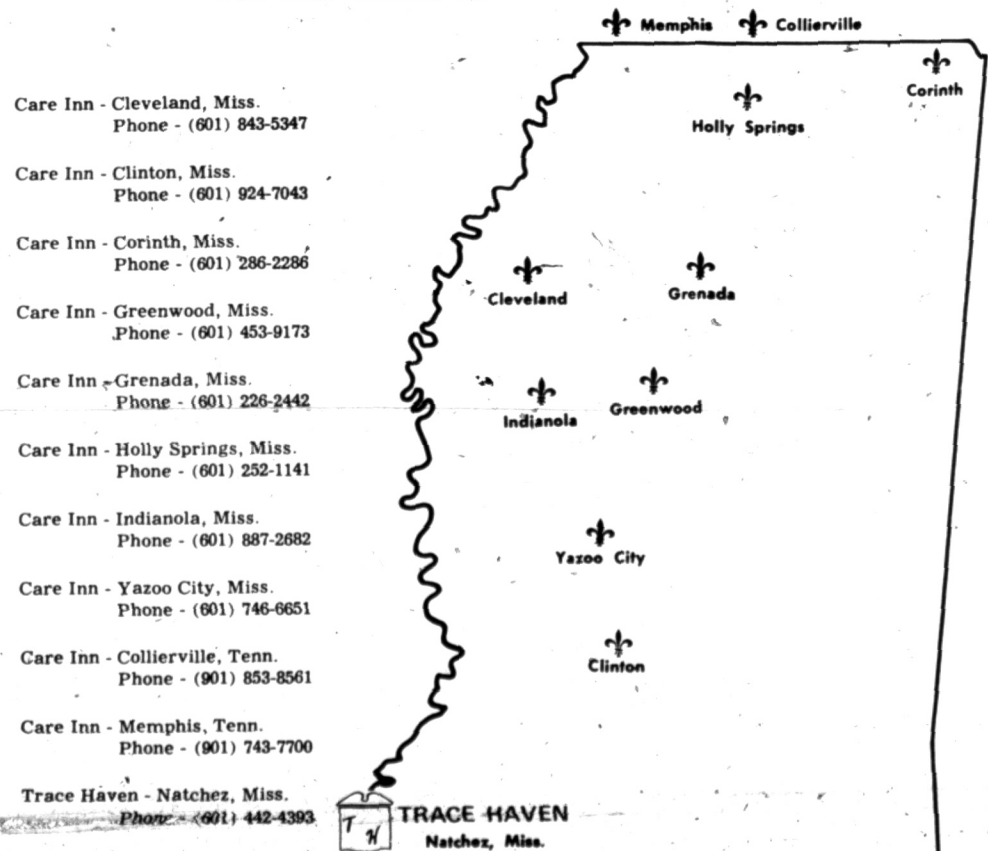
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Devotional

The Danger Of Worship

(Exodus 20:4)

By Billy McKay, Pastor, Madison Church, Madison

"Thou shalt not make unto Thee any graven image" (Exodus 20:4). This verse suggests that all worship is not necessarily good. In fact, it can be dangerous or even sinful! The reason is that when we worship there is always the threat of idolatry. Because of this danger, God gave us the second command to protect us from this menace. Consider:



I. Man's Perversions of Worship

Today many seek by their innovations to introduce new ways to worship God. Some have introduced into the church jazz bands, chorus girls to illustrate the minister's sermon, movies (X-rated, of course), and various forms of religious art. There are many useful developments which are helpful, but man may not let his creativity run unchecked when it comes to the worship of God. Simplicity, dignity, and a careful listening to the proclaimed word of God do not satisfy many.

II. God's Provision for Worship

God has made a full provision for worship. Negatively, we do not need to resort to man-made idols. Positively, Christ is the "express image of God" (Hebrews 1:3). "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (John 1:18). These verses say that you cannot divorce Christ from worship and the only form of worship acceptable is that which we offer through Jesus Christ. Today there are many subtle forms of idolatry within the church, such as empty human ideas, empty human ceremonies that take the place of the pure preaching of the word of God which is our only revelation of Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION: The results of false worship will pervert our lives and will cause a sickness that shall continue in our children unto the third and fourth generation (Exodus 20:5). We should ask several questions about our worship of God. Is it founded upon the word of God? Does it lead us straight to Jesus Christ? Does it lead us to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ? Anything else is idolatry! There is no excuse for idolatry because we have the perfect image of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ.



Biloxi Honors Two Staff Members

On January 14, First Church, Biloxi held a surprise reception for two of its staff members at the close of the evening service. The reception was held to express gratitude and appreciation for the leadership of these two staff members in the church and the community. Leon Bedsole came as minister of music from Warrington Church, Pensacola, Florida in October, 1970. Mose Dangerfield came as minister of Education from First Church, Clinton in January, 1971. During the evening service the Chairman of the Personnel Committee, Paul Higdon, and the pastor, Rev. Frank W. Gunn, shared expressions of gratitude for the ministry offered by these two men and their families. Left to right above are Mr. and Mrs. Bedsole; Glendon Johnson, chairman of deacons; Mr. and Mrs. Dangerfield.



Scott and Carpenter

50 Years A Deacon

W. O. Carpenter was recently honored by East Moss Point Church, with a plaque for 50 years of service as a Baptist deacon.

He was ordained by the Runnels-town Church in Perry County in 1923. Two other men were ordained in the same service, Mac B. Hensarling and Horace Shoemaker.

Still an active deacon, Carpenter has served his church well. He is Chairman of the Extension and Benevolent Committees and also serves on the Church Long - Range Planning Committee.

Rev. Jerry Scott, pastor, says "Mr. Carpenter is a great man of prayer. He has the gift of intercessory prayer and is a great blessing to the church."

A Scripture package has been mailed by the American Bible Society to 7,000 correctional institutions in the United States. Each contained a New Testament Gospel in Today's English Version on cassettes and a copy of Luke - Acts and "The Lost Son," story of the Prodigal Son, in the same version, plus the New Testament and Psalms in extra large print in the King James Version.

The United Bible Societies now is a fellowship of 55 national Bible Societies with work in more than 150 countries and territories. Five newly elected members are the Bible Societies in Bolivia, Iran, Kenya, Thailand and Laos, and the West Indies. The worldwide fellowship was brought into being in 1946 through the cooperative efforts of 13 Bible societies, one of which was the American Bible Society.

Names In The News

Carolyn Madison, associate, Sunday School Department, will direct the Vacation Bible School Clinic to be held at Parkway Church, Jackson, February 12-13. She will be honored at a banquet during the clinic. After more than 32 years of service with the Miss. Baptist Convention Board, Miss Madison will retire on March 31 of this year.

Mrs. James C. Quarles, 91, retired missionary to Latin America, died Jan. 16 in a Richmond nursing home. A funeral service was held Jan. 17 with burial in Richmond, Va. She and her late husband retired in 1952 after 44 years' work in Argentina and Uruguay.

Mrs. Edith McMillan Walker, 63, an employee of the Sunday School Board for 34 years, died in Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 17 of a massive heart attack. She had just arrived in Venezuela to begin several months of volunteer work for the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. Walker chose an early retirement from the Sunday School Board in 1968, having spent 23 years of her service in the church architecture department and 11 years in the Training Union department.

Dr. Mary Jane Myers the newest faculty members at Clarke College, has begun her first semester of teaching responsibilities at the Mississippi Baptist junior college. A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, she has a doctorate in science education. She has previously taught in the public schools of Mississippi, and serves as the current President of the Mississippi Association of Science Teachers. Her husband is affiliated with the staff of Southern in Hattiesburg and they and their two grown sons continue to make their home there, with Dr. Myers commuting to her work in Newton. A member of Fellowship Baptist Church, Dr. Myers has served as church clerk for a number of years, and has held almost every other position of responsibility in the church at some time or another.



FIRST NEW ENROLLEES — At the opening of the second semester, Blue Mountain College, found that the first young women to enroll for the January-May 1973 semester, as new students, arrived from Memphis, Tenn., and Eight Mile, Alabama. All of the three happy freshmen have been assigned to adjoining suites in the same residence hall, Stevens Dorm, where Miss Marian Leavell of Oxford serves as hostess. Seated is Miss Leavell, and standing, left to right are: Anita McCormick of Memphis; Carolyn Miller of Eight Mile, Ala.; and her closest friend, Jeanette Davis, also of Eight Mile. Miss Leavell shares the brochure, "On To College."

Dr. Howard Carpenter, (pictured), of Senatobia, vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference, has been honored by being listed in 1972 editions of *Successful and Creative Personalities* and in *International Who's Who in Community Service*.

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Rev. Victor "Pete" Jackson has resigned the pastorate of Pineview Church, Moss Point, to accept the pastorate of East Side Church, Henderson, Texas. His new address is 2118 East Main St., Henderson, Texas 75652.

L. E. Lawson, director of evangelism and Brotherhood for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, has accepted a position as associate in the Division of Mission Ministries for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, missionaries on furlough from Brazil, may now be addressed at 208 East Main, Clinton, Ms. 39056. Kolb is a native of Blue Springs, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Roaten, missionaries, may now be addressed at Jose Enrique Rodo 585, Florida, Uruguay. A Mississippian, Roaten was born in Tupelo and reared in Houlika. Mrs. Roaten is the former Betty Marbury of Brownsville, Tenn. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970, he was pastor of Temple Heights Baptist Church, Oxford, Miss.

Charles E. Abbey, pictured, recently surrendered to the gospel ministry and has been licensed by Tuckers Crossing Church. A graduate of Delta State College, he has done graduate work at the University of Southern Mississippi, and is teaching in the Jones County School system. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Abbey and the grandson of Mrs. Ida Blackledge, all of Laurel. He is married to the former Katherine Sudbeck of Bentonla; they have one daughter, Beth, 3½. The pastor of Tuckers Crossing Church in Laurel, Rev. B. Aaron Foy, recommends Mr. Abbey as a good pulpit supply.

Institutes To Feature Mission Action Training

Five institutes featuring training in 20 areas of mission action will be conducted for Southern Baptists during 1973 in strategic areas of the United States.

More than 500 persons are expected to attend the three-day institutes to learn how to lead mission action conferences on specialized subjects in Baptist associations.

The mission action institutes will be held February 15-17 at Camp Cedar-moore near Bagdad, Ky.; February 22-24 at Eagle Eye Assembly near Lynchburg, Va., and Lake Texoma Lodge near Kingston, Okla.; March 8-10 at Riverside, Calif., and March 22-24 at Toccoa, Ga.

Sponsoring the institutes are the Brotherhood Commission, Home Mission Board, Christian Life Commission, state Brotherhood departments and Baptist associations.

W. J. Isbell, director of the Baptist Men's Division of the Brotherhood Commission, said persons attending the institutes will be asked to conduct a similar conference in their association for church leaders living in their area.

Isbell said state Brotherhood leaders have been invited to send training specialists to the institute nearest them. The lineup includes:

Camp Cedar-moore, Ky. — Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Michigan.

Eagle Eye Assembly, Va. — Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania — South Jersey, North Carolina, and West Virginia.

Kingston, Okla. — Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana.

Riverside, Calif. — California and Arizona.

Toccoa, Ga. — Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama.

Where there is sufficient demand, instruction will be offered in the areas of aging, alcohol and drug abusers, apartment dwellers, application (Applying gospel to social issues), combating moral problems, economically disadvantaged headliners, interfaith witness, internationals, juvenile rehabilitation, language groups, military, ministry to the deaf, mission fellowships, Negroes, nonreaders, prisoner rehabilitation, resort areas, the sick and youth.

Program specialists from the Home Mission Board will conduct all of the conferences except three. The Christian Life Commission will provide the faculty for the conferences on application and combating moral problems and the Royal Ambassador Division of the Brotherhood Commission will provide the conference leader for the sessions on youth.

Isbell said his agency and the mission board are helping defray the travel costs of persons attending the institutes while the state Brotherhood departments and associations are providing the room and board.

The institutes also are open to Baptist men and women who want to audit the institute, but at their own expense, Isbell said.

Persons interested in attending the institute should contact their state Brotherhood department for more information, Isbell said.

The institutes will begin with supper at 6:00 Thursday night and end with lunch on Saturday.

Each conference will include instruction about the characteristics of the target group and how to find persons in it, how to organize and

prepare a mission action group to witness and minister, resources available to the mission action group, and in-service training.

"Sunny" Visits The Holy Land

By Molly Fairchild, Moselle, Ms. Would you walk a mile for a camel? Sunny flew over 6,000 miles to ride one! Here she is at the Dead Sea — but the camel is very much alive.

As Sunny's official chaperone, I took a trip with her to the Holy Land this Christmas.

Sunny says, "I had the wonderful opportunity to entertain and witness to boys and girls as we visited five countries. We flew from Atlanta to Cyprus and boarded a luxurious ocean liner which became our home for the tour."

We slept to the gentle rocking of the Mediterranean Sea as we sailed at night, awakening each morning in a different country.

We saw highlights of early Bible history in Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, and Israel. Our lives were changed as we walked in the footsteps of Jesus, rode on the Sea of Galilee, waded in the River Jordan, visited Bethlehem, Nazareth, Gethsemane, Calvary, and the Tomb.

I know why the wise men were wise! They rode their camels to find Jesus. They found him in Bethlehem. I rode a camel, but I didn't find Jesus in Bethlehem, nor in Galilee nor in Jerusalem nor in the Garden nor in the tomb. But I did find Him — at Calvary!

During the institute each specialist will receive basic training materials for leading his associational conference.



Mrs. Molly Fairchild of Moselle, shown with her well known ventriloquist's dummy Sunny, recently visited the Holy Land. She is pictured after a camel's ride at the Dead Sea.

425 LIMIT SET ON SMALL CHURCH CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

ATLANTA, Ga. — As Southern Baptists worship this Sunday nearly one-half of the more than 11 million-member denomination will be part of a congregation with less than 300 members.

Numerically such small churches represent 63 percent of the denomination's total churches. And Larry

Bryson doesn't want the denomination to overlook this 63 percent.

Bryson, assistant director in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Division of Associational Services, and other HMB staffers are working with the Baptist Sunday School Board in sponsoring the denomination's first National Conference on the Small Church, March 26 through 29 at Ridgecrest, N. C.

Because of facilities, registration for the conference will be limited to 425 on a first come basis, and Bryson already has requests to duplicate the conference in other areas.

The four day conference, set at Ridgecrest center, will feature nine and one-half hours of conference time dealing with problems faced by the small church, and the 1974 January Bible Study book, taught by H. K. Neely, chairman of the religion department at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.

Cost for the conference is \$22.50, plus a \$1 registration fee. Registrations may be made through the office of Larry Bryson, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St., NW, Atlanta, Ga. 30309.



First Church, McComb, Adds Two Buses

Two buses were added January 19 to the bus ministry of First, McComb. In photo at left, they were: a nine-passenger Volkswagen, and a 57-passenger, 1965, reconditioned bus. The church's bus ministry in December averaged 45 per Sunday with the one bus they had then. With the added buses, making a total of



three, they have now begun a Wednesday evening run, in addition to two Sunday runs. In photo at right are: Front: Willie Carroll, Craig Jackson; Center: Bobby Dickey, bus director, Gene Jones, Woods Watson, C. E. Jackson, III; Back: David Grady. Dr. John Lee Taylor is pastor, and Robert M. Hanvey is associate pastor.

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